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## Turkey, Bulgaria take step to improve ties



HH the Amir yesterday received Yurdanov and Yilmaz.

### Second round of meeting next month

KUWAIT, Oct. 30, (Agencies): Turkey and Bulgaria held high-level talks today, their first since more than 300,000 ethnic Turks fled Bulgaria last summer. They agreed to hold another round next month.

The talks, between Bulgarian Deputy Prime Minister Georgi Yurdanov and Turkish Foreign Minister Mesut Yilmaz, were a step toward improving relations frayed by disputes over Bulgaria's ethnic Turkish minority.

"The two ministers explored whether the necessary ground and political will exists to initiate a ... dialogue for the normalisation of Turkish-Bulgarian relations, which were strained in the last few years," said a joint communique issued after the talks.

"In the light of certain encouraging impressions they have had during these talks, the ministers decided to meet again in Kuwait in November," the statement added.

Turkish diplomats said the talks dealt exclusively with the problem of Bulgaria's 1.5 million member Turkish minority, dispelling their fears the Bulgarians would raise a wide range of bilateral issues.

"Positive but insufficient," was how Yilmaz described the discussions to reporters.

Turkish officials said they wanted to secure property and other rights for Turks who left Bulgaria, regulate the flow of new refugees and protect the rights of those who stayed behind.

The talks were hosted by Kuwait, currently chairman of the 46-member Organisation of Islamic Conference.

Stefan Stankov, head of the Balkan department in the Bulgarian Foreign Ministry, said Bulgaria had come to Kuwait prepared to discuss all topics on the board.

These could include "humanitarian issues — the reunification of divided families, for instance, (and) to give more facilities for those who crossed the border and travelled to foreign countries," he told Reuters.

Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed today hailed the positive results of Turkish-Bulgarian meeting.

Sheikh Sabah said the talks have shown that both sides are keen on and determined to deal with all suspended issues between the two countries.

## Pant shock for Gandhi

### V.P. Singh drama

By Sonny Abraham  
Arab Times correspondent

NEW DELHI, Oct. 30: India's Defence Minister Krishna Chandra Pant threw Congress (I) Party into a flutter today by refusing to contest next month's general elections from either of the two constituencies allotted to him.

Pant's surprise move to opt out of the elections came on the last day of filing nominations for 425 of the 529 constituencies.

The poll began Nov. 22, 24 and 26. Pant's decision to decline was an act of protest against not being allotted the seat of his choice, Nainital in Uttar Pradesh.

Last night, Pant was told that he could choose to fight from one of two constituencies — New Delhi, which he currently represents, or Aonla in Uttar Pradesh. It was quite clear that the party leadership in Uttar Pradesh had carried pressure to prevent Pant from returning to his old constituency of Nainital.

Pant said as much in the letter he wrote to Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi today. But even more damaging was his reference to the "unwarranted interference by an inexperienced non-political coterie in political decision-making."

The defence minister made known his decision not to contest at a hurriedly summoned press conference this morning. According to him, he had received an assurance from Rajiv that he would be nominated from Nainital, following which he had taken steps to establish contact with local leaders there.

Pant spoke about "undesirable trends in the functioning of the party" and said it was the duty of parliament to assert the "continuing relevance of our past traditions of democratic functioning."

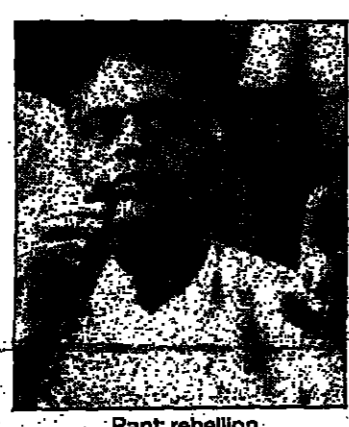
However, Pant said he remained a member of the Congress (I) and was available for any work assigned to him. Asked if he was quitting as defence minister, he said he would leave the prime minister first. He said it clear that his action should be construed as a "revolt."

Pant's decision to go public with the quarrel with the party and his public remarks about how it is run are certain to be a major embarrassment to Rajiv.

Pant said he hoped Rajiv and other leaders would take steps to cure the alleged problems in Congress (I) and there was still time.

Many senior Congressmen are unhappy with Rajiv's leadership and speculation that he could see moves to replace him. A name often mentioned as an alternative is N.D. Tiwari, Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh.

The election challenge to Congress comes from a confident five-party



Pant rebellion

National Front alliance, the Hindu revivalist BJP and the main Communist Party.

The usually fractious opposition has managed to reach an understanding on sharing the seats in 90 per cent constituencies to fight Rajiv without splitting the opposition vote.

At his daily briefings, Congress (I) spokesman Anand Sharma described Pant's decision as "most unfortunate."

Sharma said Pant himself had requested for one of two constituencies — Nainital or Aonla. The party, which could not always take individual preference into account, had offered Pant either New Delhi or Aonla.

Sharma also felt that Pant's action would not affect the party's fortunes in any manner.

A political drama of a different kind was also witnessed today. Janata Dal president V.P. Singh, Rajiv's main rival, was held up at Delhi for nearly four hours when his aircraft bound for Kanpur returned after 28 minutes for journey due to a bomb scare.

Singh, who was on his way to Fatehpur in Uttar Pradesh to file his nomination papers there, alleged that the delay was stage-managed by the ruling party to prevent him from contesting the elections.

The Janata Dal leader staged a protest at the airport and was joined by other leaders of his party. Singh did manage to reach Fatehpur in time after the aircraft was cleared by security personnel.

Police fired at an angry mob, killing one person in Bhagalpur today as 48 more bodies were recovered in the remote Bihar town hit by sectarian violence, news reports said.

The latest casualties raised the official death toll in Hindu-Muslim violence to 145 since Tuesday, United News of India news agency said.

Press Trust of India news agency, however, put the toll at 200.

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## Army to patrol on day of destiny

ISLAMABAD, Oct. 30, (Agencies): The Pakistan government, bowing to opposition demands, has said troops will patrol Islamabad during a no-confidence vote against Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto expected on Wednesday or Thursday.

The opposition fears its members may be stopped from getting to Parliament to vote.

National Assembly Speaker Meraaj Khalid told reporters soldiers would patrol throughout the capital, but in greater numbers around parliament, the official AFP news agency reported today.

Political demonstrations are banned in Islamabad and politicians on both sides have appealed to their activists to stay away from Parliament.

Red, black and green banners of the ruling Pakistan People's Party (PPP) that had been strung across the road near Parliament disappeared today.

The opposition needs 119 votes in the 237-seat House to unseat Benazir.

Both sides are keeping their supporters isolated in the run up to the vote to prevent defections, sparking accusations of foul play.

Benazir flew to the remote northern region of Swat today where many of her supporters are being kept.

Her opponents in the Islamic Democratic Alliance are cloistered about an hour's drive from Islamabad in the Punjab hill station Murree.

Benazir is expected to survive the motion against her 11-month-old government but it has touched off her biggest political crisis to date.

It started on Oct. 23 when a small, immigrant party which had supported her abruptly switched sides, saying the government had failed to deliver on promises to combat discrimination and provide jobs.

The alliance immediately seized the opportunity to try to topple her but several opposition lawmakers have since abandoned the motion, fearing it could lead to political and ethnic unrest.

People's Party officials claim they still have at least 125 supporters in the 237-seat Parliament, against 105 for the combined opposition.

Both sides have accused the other of bribery and coercion to sway lawmakers in the vote.

## Festival of sport opens

### Peace Games in land of peace: Amir

KUWAIT, Oct. 30, (AP): His Highness the Amir, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed today opened the Friendship and Peace Games Championship, the first sports tournament confined to states of the 46-member Organisation of Islamic Conference.

"In the name of God, we hereby declare opened the Friendship and Peace Games Championship on the land of Kuwait, the land of peace and friendship," the Amir stated in his capacity as chairman of the OIC.

The Islamic sports carnival was opened with a lavish celebration at the Kazimah Club stadium with the participation of more than 1,200 sportsmen from 45 Islamic countries.

The opening ceremony was attended by the president of the International Olympic Committee, Juan Antonio Samaranch, and other prominent international sports figures.

It was organised by special instructions from the Amir with the avowed aim of promoting friendship and solidarity among Islamic youth.

Prominent among the participants were the soccer teams of Iraq and Iran, the two neighbouring countries who fought eight years of war.

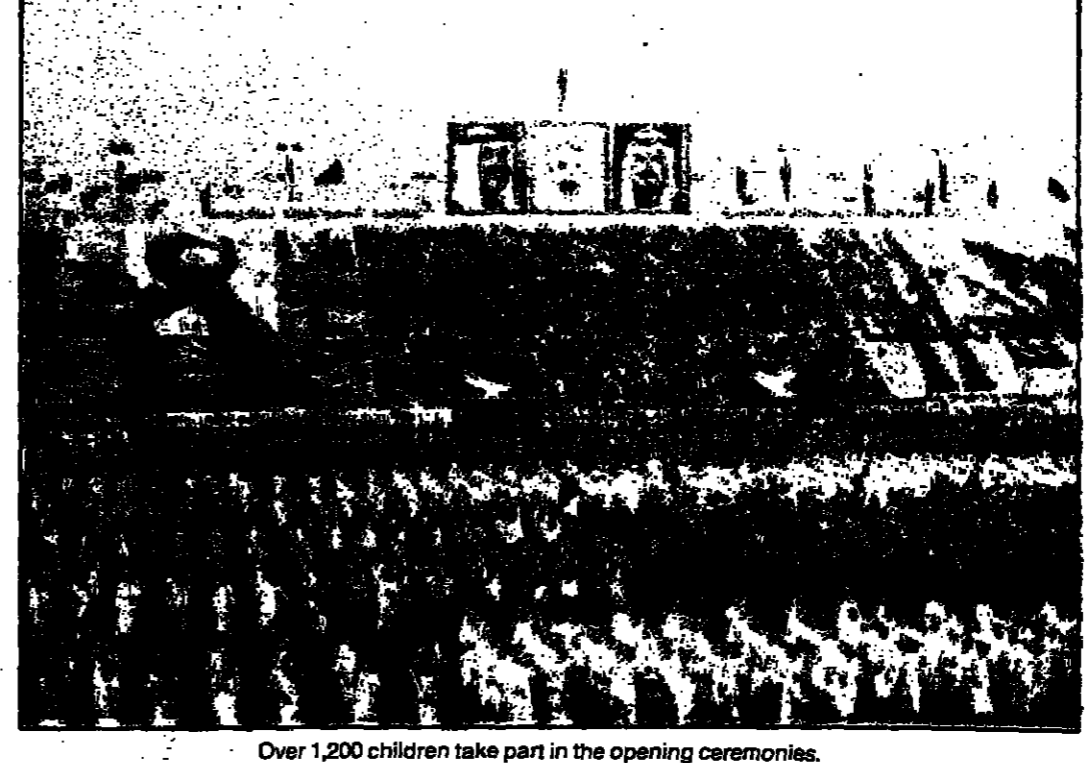
Kuwaiti officials have been stressing that participation of Iraq and Iran with two soccer teams in the tournament will help achieve the championship's goals. The two teams are in group B of the soccer games which also include Yemen and Guinea.

Contests will be held in five sports — soccer, track and field, volleyball, basketball, and handball — at different venues in Kuwait.

Samaranch addressed the ceremony by commending the initiative of the Amir aimed at "bringing more solidarity among the youth of the world."



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## Plan to kidnap top US officials

MANILA, Oct. 30, (AP): Communist rebels plan to kidnap US civilian and military officials for propaganda purposes and as bargaining chips to force release of imprisoned guerrilla leaders, the national police commander said today.

Maj. Gen. Ramon Montano, commander of the Philippine Constabulary-integrated national police, said officials uncovered the alleged plot from documents seized during raids on rebel hideouts in Manila and from interrogation of captured guerrillas.

Montano told the Associated Press that the kidnappings were planned to coincide with the start of talks one extending the lease on the six US military bases, which expires in 1991.

Talks are expected to begin in Manila in December. The rebels have demanded the installations be closed.

Montano said officials knew of no specific Americans targeted for abduction but that the list apparently included both diplomats and military officers.

"That's a general order for them to take people hostage," Montano said. "It will take its peak during the bases talks."

Montano said the government would not bow to rebel demands even if a senior American were taken hostage.

"If they have a big one, it will put the government in a bad fix," Montano said.

US officials have declined comment on the reports. But sources in the American community, requesting anonymity, said diplomats and military personnel have been advised to take precautionary measures in travelling to areas where the rebels operate.

Military officials have stepped up security for US officials living in the country, Montano said. He said that the communists were capable of carrying out the abductions at "the moment there is a relaxation in security."

Montano also said that the military is preparing to strike against rebels believed to be carrying out surveillance on potential American targets.

Philippine President Corazon Aquino today attacked groups who plan to boycott next month's referendum on autonomy for Mindanao in the south, saying they would waste their vote.

Responding sharply to critics accusing her of timidity and indecisiveness over the autonomy issue, Aquino said she had been closely involved in the plan from the start but it was up to the people to decide whether or not to accept autonomy.

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## Cache of weapons seized

ALGIERS, Oct. 30, (Reuters): Algerian police found a deadly arms cache including ingredients for making biological weapons, and arrested a former political dissident in connection with the case, Alger radio said today.

It quoted the general prosecutor of Algiers as saying police discovered the weapons on Sept. 20 on a motor boat beached near the resort of Dellys, 32 km (20 miles) east of Algiers.

The cache included highly toxic chemicals which analysis revealed were designed to make biological weapons and would have caused irreparable damage if they had been put into the water supply, the prosecutor said.

The radio said former dissident Abdelwahab Ben Chenouf Abdelwahab had been detained and charged with threatening the security of the state, possessing weapons of war, assuming a false identity and falsifying identity documents.

He was arrested on Oct. 23 at a road check in Khenchela district, 400 km (250 miles) east of Algiers, while travelling under the name of Khaled Ahmed Omar.

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## Twin quakes jolt Algeria killing 30

### Angry residents protest: France offers aid

ALGIERS, Oct. 30, (AP): Two earthquakes struck northern Algeria minutes apart, killing at least 23 people and injuring 194, authorities said today.

The official radio quoted Interior Ministry sources as saying the death toll had climbed to 30, but officials said that could not be confirmed.

The tremors at 8.15 pm (1915 GMT) and 8.27 pm (1927) yesterday, were estimated at 6.0 and 4.6 on the Richter scale by the National Centre of Astronomy and Geophysics in Algiers. Seismologists originally said the second quake also registered at 6.0 but later lowered the measurement.

Most of those killed were in the Tipasa region about 40 miles (70 kms) west of Algiers and in the town of Churchill on the Mediterranean coast 60 miles (100 kms) west of the capital, the Interior Ministry said.

Interior Ministry officials said the death count at mid-morning today was 23 and that 19 people died in collapsing buildings in the Tipasa-Churchill area.

In Algiers, four people died of heart attacks caused by fright or panic in a rush to the streets in the crowded older sections of the capital, the officials said.

They said 169 people were injured in the Tipasa-Churchill districts and 25 more in Algiers.

Prime Minister Mouloud Hamrouche toured the hardest-hit areas with his ministers of health and the interior.

Rescuers extended their searches into remote parts of the mountainous, rural region, where officials feared there might be more casualties.

The French government announced in Paris early today that it was offering emergency aid to Algeria, a former French colony.

Several hundred angry residents blocked a main road at the quake-hit town of El Nador, west of Algiers, this morning to protest what they said was a feeble reaction by local officials.

"Be human. We want aid, tents, bread and water," read a sign erected in the road.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

**Trial opens in Kosovo:** Fifteen prominent ethnic Albanians, including the former communist leader of the troubled southern province of Kosovo, went on trial today amid tight security and fears of unrest in Titova Mitrovica, Yugoslavia.

Azen Viasi, the highly popular head of Kosovo's Communist Party from 1986 to 1988, and the other defendants are accused of "counter-revolutionary activities" for allegedly plotting Kosovo's secession from Yugoslavia and inciting a series of riots in which 24 people died last March.

If convicted of the charges, which include counts of incitement to unrest, they could face a death sentence.

During the opening proceedings, Viasi accused Serbian communist leader Slobodan Milosevic of a political frame-up, adding, "this is a show trial staged with clear political goals." (AP)

**Students clash, 50 injured:** Muslim fundamentalist and secular students battled with homemade bombs, pistols and iron rods in Khulna, leaving at least 50 people injured, police said today.

The three-hour clash yesterday was precipitated by the campaign for the Nov 4 student elections at Khulna College, police said, when contacted by telephone in the river port city 135 kilometres (85 miles) southwest of Dhaka.

Two students were arrested and five others hospitalized with bullet wounds, the police said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

At least 10 people have been killed in clashes between fundamentalist and secular students in the past six months at universities and colleges around Bangladesh. (AP)

**Teenager kills family, self:** A 19-year-old who was undergoing psychiatric treatment shot and killed his parents and two teenage siblings with an assault rifle and then killed himself, police said yesterday. The killings occurred late Saturday in Chesalles-sur-Oron, about 30 kilometres (20 miles) northeast of Lausanne, a police statement said. The young man killed his father and mother, both age 45, his 16-year-old sister and 13-year-old brother, it said.

Police declined to identify the victims and provided no immediate indication of the motives or other details. (AP)

**Elephant tramples man:** An elephant trampled to death a man who beat its baby for rampaging through his house in West Bengal state, Press Trust of India said today.

The news agency quoted police as saying a herd of 40 elephants last week caused havoc by trampling through houses and rice paddies.

The death occurred at Salboni, about 95 kilometres (60 miles) west of Calcutta, Press Trust added.

It did not say when the incident occurred. (AP)

**Gold find gives farmer a windfall:** A Soviet farmer dug up a fortune in gold but couldn't find much to spend it on during a shopping tour of the Soviet Far East, including a shaving brush.

The Communist Party newspaper Pravda said Nikolai Vasilenko, who got 147,000 roubles (\$253,000) for the gold bar he dug up, forgot to take a shaving brush when he began his trip to Vladivostok.

# Marcos supporters reach Aquino's town

VILLASIS, Philippines, Oct. 30. (AP): Hundreds of Ferdinand Marcos' supporters marched through this town on the border of President Corazon Aquino's home province today to demand the late president's body be buried in his homeland.

Police and organisers said 1,500 townspeople joined about 500 others who had made the journey that began last Tuesday from Batac, Marcos' hometown 400 kilometres (250 miles) north of Manila.

The marchers plan to proceed to Manila, 150 kilometres (90 miles) south of here to demand that Mrs Aquino allow Marcos' body to be returned from Hawaii, where he died Sept. 28.

At the municipal hall, marchers rallied before a candle-lit altar with a portrait of the late leader. They were joined by heads of Marcos' New Society Movement, including Rep Rodolfo Albano and former Agrarian Reform Minister Conrado Estrella.

"I already foresee history repeating itself in our country," oppositionist Salvador Panelo told the crowd. "Mrs Aquino was held high as a hero of the people and became president... but because of her programme of vindictiveness, there will be a second revolution in Edsa," Panelo said, referring to the highway where the 1986 uprising took place.

Last Friday, the supreme court upheld Mrs Aquino's

decision to allow neither Marcos' body nor his immediate family to return from Hawaii, where the former president lived since he was ousted in a popular uprising three years ago.

Villasis is located in Pangasinan province on the border of Tarlac, home province of the Aquino family. March organisers said they expected no trouble when they proceed through the Aquino stronghold tomorrow.

They said the march is expected to arrive in Manila on Friday, the eve of Mrs Aquino's departure for Vancouver for an eight-day state visit to Canada and the United States.

"We have interacted with the people along the way," said Rolando Abadilla, vice governor of Ilocos Norte province and former chief of Marcos' notorious intelligence command in Manila. "I think this is the best way to ventilate the issues we are fighting for, the injustice of the different sectors of Philippine society."

The marchers entered Villas carrying streamers and placards that read "Ban on Marcos — illegal" and "Want impartial justice." A local official shouted "Yes, Marcos corrupt! Villasis!" and marchers waved plain flags and Philippine flags.

A soundtruck followed the group, blaring out recorded speeches of the late president.



6 Filipino rebels killed

Constatutory troops killed six Communist rebels in a brief battle in a guerrilla stronghold southeast of Manila, the military said today.

Troops recovered six weapons and "subversive documents" following the clash yesterday in the town of

San Francisco, 210 kilometres (130 miles) southeast of the capital, the report said.

Picture shows Philippine soldiers viewing the bodies of the rebels. No military casualties were reported. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Manila cracks down on hit men

MANILA, Oct. 30. (Reuter): The Philippines ordered a crackdown on communist death squads in Manila today to head off murders during President Corazon Aquino's visit to the United States and Canada next week.

Defence Secretary Fidel Ramos claimed the guerrillas had lined up senior Philippine government and military officials, US servicemen and vital public installations as targets for attack.

"The (rebels) plan to intensify their terrorist activities, eyeing sensitive political targets... to embarrass the government especially during President Aquino's visit to Canada and the United States" on November 4-11, Ramos said.

Suspected rebels shot dead a Philippine soldier today in the latest guerrilla ambush in the capital.

Edgardo Flores, a military intelligence agent was driving to work when three young men shot him at point blank range as he slowed his car at a street intersection. The killers took his injured gun and casually walked off into a crowd of onlookers, police said.

About 70 soldiers, policemen and officials have been killed this year in Manila street attacks by leftist death squads, nicknamed "sparrows" for their speed. Previous victims included US Army Colonel James Rowe, two Manila police commanders, and several police officers.

The rebels have demanded the removal of US military bases in the country and claim Washington has increased its military aid to Manila to bolster its war against the 20-year old Communist insurgency.

Ramos ordered the "intensification of military operations" against urban guerrillas and announced cash rewards totalling 360,000 pesos (\$17,000) for the capture of rebel officers in the capital.

Two rebels on the wanted list, Kit Belmonte and Demetrio Abaniel, are suspected of involvement in Rowe's murder last April.

Ramos said the planned rebel campaign of violence coincided with an escalation of Communist propaganda in the Philippines and abroad designed to offset guerrilla losses such as the recent capture of several rebel leaders in Manila. Ramos said the military had either killed or captured 42 top Communist cadres this year, causing dissensions in rebel ranks.

## Indians hurt in boat blast

ABU DHABI, Oct. 30. (Reuter): Three Indian fishermen were injured, one seriously when an explosion ripped through their boat off Fujairah in the Gulf of Oman, United Arab Emirates police said today.

But a police spokesman ruled out the possibility that the boat had hit a mine from the Gulf war between Iran and Iraq.

"I don't think the explosion was caused by a mine as the lower part (of the boat) is intact," Lieutenant Humaid Mohammed said.

Police said the cause of the explosion on Sunday aboard the 20-foot (six metre) fibreglass boat as it lay two miles off Fujairah was being investigated.

## Tamils at loggerheads Power struggle

COLOMBO, Oct. 30. (Kuna): Sri Lankan Tamil militant groups are locked in power struggle as Indian troops begin a gradual withdrawal from the north and east after two years of occupation, political and diplomatic sources said today.

The India-backed Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front (EPRLF) which runs the north-east provincial council has already raised a private militia, dubbed Tamil National Army or Tamil Eelam Army, which has taken up position in the eastern Ampara district following the departure of 5000 Indian soldiers — the full contingent of the Indian Peace-Keeping Force (IPKF) in the district, residents said.

The private army of the EPRLF leader Vartharaja Perumal, who is also the chief minister of the council, has been denounced by the Colombo government as illegal. And yesterday the Defence Ministry despatched the co-ordinating officer for Ampara Co. S. De. S. D. uwaratte with a team of army officers to study at first hand the situation said to be very tense in the east.

The Tamil army in a surprise move on Saturday clamped down curfew, also illegal, according to official sources in the Tamil and Muslim areas in Ampara operative from 6 pm to 6.30 am daily and leaflets distributed among the legal Lankan police force, report reaching Colombo said.

About 800 people, supporters of the northern Tamil militia movement Tamil Eelam Liberation Organisation (Telo) demonstrated in Vavuniya today, 144 kms northeast of Colombo, protesting against the arrest of two Telo members by the army two days ago, report reaching Colombo said.

A Sri Lankan woman has been freed after serving two years of a seven-year jail term for a car bomb attack that killed 38 people, prison officials said today. Manouri Watson, 35, was released on Friday. President Ranasinghe Premadasa ordered her release.



Mammoth campaign

Supporters of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's Congress Party campaign on an elephant during a rally in New Delhi yesterday. The general elections will be held in India Nov 22 and 24. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Riots can hurt Rajiv in polls

BHAGALPUR, India, Oct. 30. (Reuter): Communal riots in which more than 100 people died in this north Indian town have dampened Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's hopes of sweeping the Muslim vote necessary to win November's general elections.

Politicians said the riots in Bihar state cast doubt among India's 100 million Muslims of Rajiv's ability to protect them from what they see as a Hindu threat against their religion. "It is going to be difficult to win the Muslim vote in the north after this. They may have lost faith in protection from the government," said Aziza Imam, a Bihar leader of Gandhi's Congress Party.

Imam said Muslim fears in Bihar could spread to the rest of the Hindi-speaking region of north India that controls nearly half the seats in the Lower House of parliament. The polls on Nov 22 and 24 are to elect representatives to the 545-member Lower House.

In the election equation, with the Hindus apparently divided between Congress and an opposition alliance, Gandhi must take almost the entire Muslim vote in the Hindi belt to

stay in power, said election pollster Prannoy Roy. "Anything less would be disastrous," he said.

A spokesman for the army, which now handles law and order in Bhagalpur, said the riots were sparked by a procession by Hindu militants determined to march to Ayodhya in neighbouring Uttar Pradesh to build a temple on a site occupied by a mosque.

The procession passed by a mosque in Bhagalpur and suddenly Muslims and Hindus were throwing bombs at each other. Hundreds of people fought for two hours, said eyewitness Ganesh Prasad Sinha.

"After that, the mobs burned and looted shops and houses until the army moved in Oct 26," he said.

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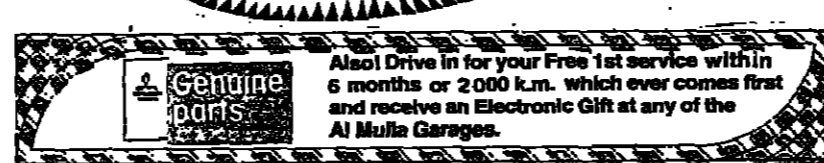
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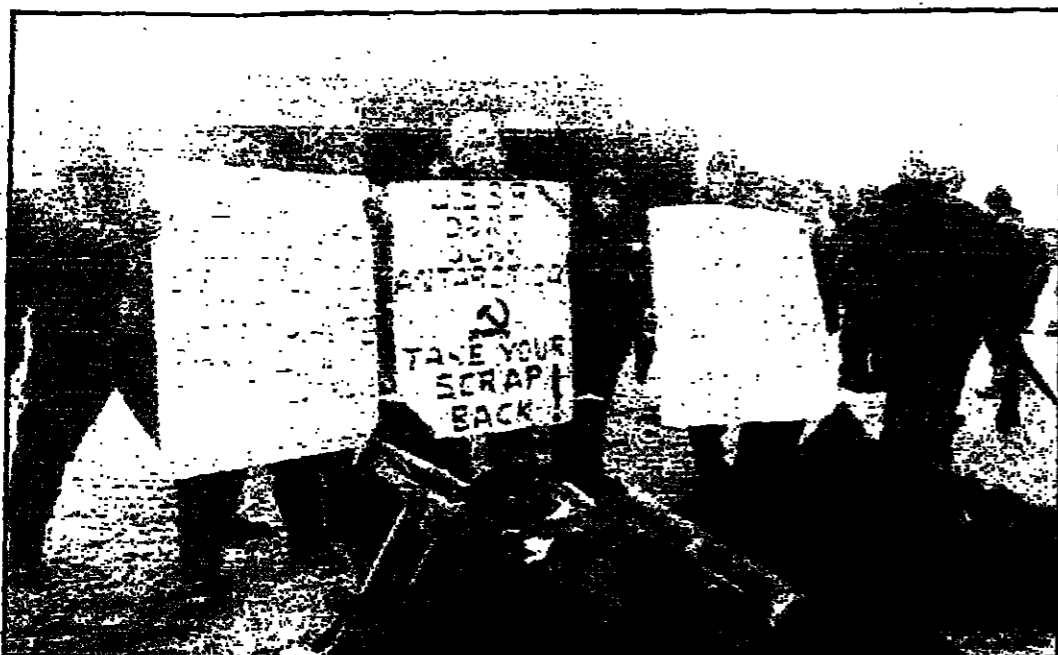
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## Greenpeace activists protest

Greenpeace activists prevent a Soviet amphibious craft from leaving Bellinghouse base at King George Island in Antarctica on Oct 29. The protest was aimed at forcing Treaty Nations to recycle waste from bases in Antarctica. Rubbish was collected and presented to the Soviet base commander. (Reuters wirephoto)

## PEOPLE AND PLACES

ATLANTA: Media mogul Ted Turner has taken it on himself to release his own version of the ten commandments.

Ted's commandments, which he called his "Ten Voluntary Initiatives" in a speech to the national newspaper association:

1. I love and respect the planet Earth, and all living things thereon, especially my fellow species, mankind.
2. I promise to treat all persons everywhere with dignity and respect.
3. I promise to have no more than two children, or no more than my nation suggests.
4. I promise to use my best efforts to save what's left of our natural world.
5. I pledge to use as little non-renewable resources as possible.
6. I pledge to use as little toxic chemicals, pesticides and other poisons as possible.
7. I promise to contribute to those less fortunate than myself, to help them become self-sufficient and enjoy the benefits of a decent life.
8. I reject the use of force, particularly military force.
9. I support the total elimination of all chemical, nuclear and biological weapons.
10. I support the United Nations and its effort to collectively improve the condition of the planet. (AP)

ROTORUA, New Zealand: An egg-throwing contest got out of hand when bystanders joined in the fun and started shelling each other with stolen eggs, police and other officials said Monday.

Firefighters had to hose down the crowd to dampen their enthusiasm about joining in the annual frolic, held Saturday to raise money for charity at the nearby north island town of Ngongotaha.

People watching the egg-throwing contest became part of the action when children began hurling eggs at them, said Mike Lepper, organizer of the Ngongotaha town and country festival. (AP)

NEW YORK: Actor Mel Gibson and actress Kim Basinger topped US magazine's list of sexiest stars, followed by actor Tom Cruise and actress Michelle Pfeiffer.

Other women on the list were When Harry Met Sally star Meg Ryan, Cher, actress Kathleen Turner, model Christie Brinkley, actress Farrah Fawcett, actress Jaclyn Smith, singer Madonna and Debra Milne, who just left the CBS series Knots Landing after nine seasons.

The top ten men included Kevin Costner, Dennis Quaid, Patrick Swayze, Mark Hamill, Tom Selleck, Harrison Ford, Rob Lowe and Kurt Russell. (AP)

NEW YORK: Singer Tina Turner, who turns 50 on Nov 26, says she's a practicing Buddhist who lives "like a monk," doesn't like being a sex symbol and takes no drugs — not even aspirin.

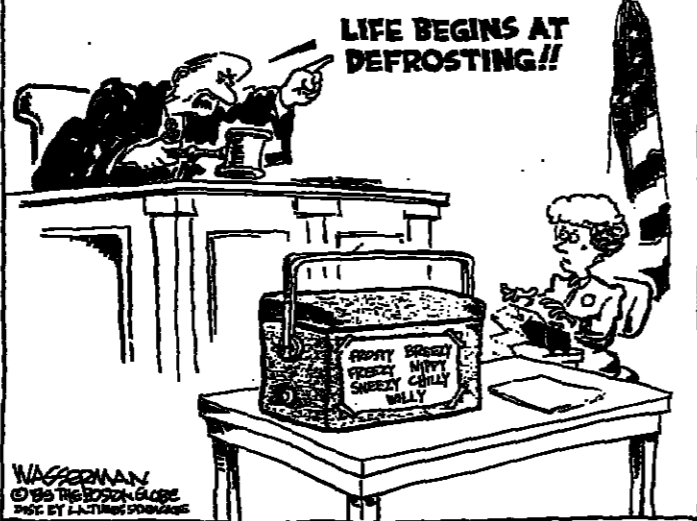
"I live a very quiet life," Turner said in a recent interview. "There's no television, no music blaring. I live like a monk, almost. A monk with red lips, short dresses and big hair."

She went on: "I have at times given off the image of raunchy, rock sex, but I've tried to turn that energy into something positive. But I wish it could have been used in some way. Maybe I feel that way because I am an older woman who is grown up. Young girls, they like all of that crazy image stuff." (AP)

NASHVILLE, Tennessee: Jene Fester of the country music Forever Sisters, has announced that she eloped Sept 17 with the group's road manager.

She and Joel McCormick were married at an undisclosed location during a private ceremony, spokeswoman Marie Lee said. The couple is living in Trenton, Georgia, their hometown.

June's sisters — Kathy, Kim and Cheryl — all had traditional weddings. (AP)



## IVF embryos Couple battle

MELBOURNE, Oct 30, (AP): Australia's first legal fight over the fate of frozen in-vitro fertilization embryos got underway today, when an estranged husband and wife went to a family court to settle the dispute.

The couple, from the state of Victoria in southern Australia, were part of an IVF pregnancy programme before they separated last March. The pair's identity was withheld.

The court heard that the 24-year-old wife, a supermarket cashier, wants to be implanted with some of the embryos, being stored at Melbourne's Royal Women's Hospital.

But solicitors acting for the husband, also 24, wrote to the hospital threatening legal action if the implantation occurred.

The hospital has said it would abide by the court's decision. It is the first such case to be heard in Australia.

Lawyer Michael Watt said the woman could not conceive by normal means because her fallopian tubes were removed after a failed pregnancy by the husband before the couple married in February 1987.

Watt called the case a potential life-and-death situation for the embryos, involving issues of law, ethics and scientific frontiers.

He said the woman would cite scientific evidence to prove that frozen embryos were effectively dead after two years and could not be implanted.

"Time may well be of the essence in relation to the embryos," he said. Watt said ova taken from the woman were fertilized by the husband's semen early last year when the couple joined IVF programme.

Three of the resulting embryos were implanted in the wife but lost when she miscarried in the fifth month of her pregnancy with the triplets, Watt said.

He said the wife wanted to proceed with a new implantation but had been obstructed by the husband's legal threats to the hospital.

Until the threats were lodged, the JOHANNESBURG: Save-the-Rhino fund-raisers in Cape Town could not believe their luck when a man strolled up and signed a cheque for a million rand (\$370,000).

They were right. Investigators showed the chequebook had been stolen, police said on Sunday.

They said a man was arrested on Saturday sipping drinks in a nearby hotel and will face theft and fraud charges. (Reuters)

TRENTON, New Jersey: A federal judge awarded singer Michael Jackson \$130,000 and permanently barred a company from selling videocassettes of 26 Beatles songs that Jackson controls.

Jackson sued Video Warehouse, Inc., and its president, David Saks, over distribution of The Beatles at Shea Stadium, "The Beatles in Tokyo and two other Beatles videos. (AP)

## 'Trick or treating' draws protests

NEW YORK, Oct 30, (AP): Some parents are demanding that Halloween be banned from public schools, complaining that evil lurks behind the cardboard black cats and witches that decorate classroom walls on the widely observed holiday.

Halloween evolved from an ancient Celtic harvest festival. In medieval England it came to be known as All Hallows' Eve, celebrated before the feast day of All Hallows, now All Saints' Day.

Today in the United States, Halloween is customarily observed on Oct 31 by costumed children who go house to house collecting candy — called "trick or treating" — and by adults who throw costume parties.

Many view the day as an innocent excuse to give children to dress up as goblins, ghosts, witches and other characters. Others, including some Christian fundamentalists, contend it is a religious holiday — and not so innocent at all.

Robert Guyer of Alachua County, Florida, gathered the signatures of about 200 parents who contend the holiday is a religious celebration of Wicca, a modern pagan witchcraft cult that stresses nature worship but not devil worship.

When teachers dress up like witches, says Guyer, "what happens to these little Christian kids like mine? How are they going to feel when it's dress-up day and they don't dress up?"

Guyer cites a federal appeals court ruling from Atlanta, Georgia, earlier this year that found that prayers before public school football games violate the separation of church and state guaranteed by the US constitution.

He argues, consequently, that Halloween is a religious holiday that has no place in the US public schools.

"As Easter has been banned in favour of spring holiday, as Christmas has been banned in favour of winter holiday, so, too, Halloween should be banned in favour of fall holiday," he explained.

The Rev. Bill Ligon of Brunswick, Georgia, agrees, saying, "some of the symbolism used for Halloween is used also by recognized religions."

But others dismiss those concerns as pure nonsense.

"Halloween today is a non-religious holiday," responded Alachua School board attorney Thomas Wittmer, who said Halloween's pagan roots are far removed from today's holiday.

Charley Mack, a father of six in Tallahassee, Florida, where several schools are inaugurating "harvest festivals" in place of Halloween, called the religious argument "just too ridiculous."

## Hemingway's first love brought to light

BOSTON, Oct 30, (UPI): The diary of author Ernest Hemingway's first love, the model for the heroine in his novel 'A Farewell To Arms,' was opened to the public for the first time this week at the John F. Kennedy Library.

The diary, first uncovered by a Northeastern University professor and presented during a Hemingway Festival in Florida, has been placed on permanent display in the library's Hemingway collection.

At age 19, Hemingway met and fell in love with Agnes von Kurowsky, a 26-year-old nurse, while he

was hospitalised in Milan in 1918. He had become an ambulance driver for the Red Cross in Italy in World War II.

The woman died in 1985 and left her diary to Henry Villard, a Red Cross ambulance driver who befriended Hemingway and von Kurowsky while he was hospitalised for infectious hepatitis.

Northeastern University English Professor James Nagel uncovered the diary and a 'Dear John' letter von Kurowsky wrote to Hemingway, and presented both at the ninth annual Hemingway Days Festival in Key West, Fla. last July.

Despite Hemingway's depiction of a flourishing love between the hero and heroine of 'A Farewell to Arms,' his actual relationship with von Kurowsky was fleeting.

In her 1918 letter to Hemingway, after he was wounded in Italy and treated by von Kurowsky, she wrote:

"For quite a while after you left, I was trying to convince myself it was a real love affair. Now, after a couple of months away from you, I know that I am still very fond of you, but it is more as a mother than a sweetheart...."

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INTERNATIONAL

# Violent crimes rose by 3.1 per cent in US last year

WASHINGTON, Oct 30 (UPI): Violent crimes and personal thefts rose 3.1 per cent last year in the United States and blacks, Hispanics and the poor were the most frequent victims of serious crime, the Justice Department reported yesterday.

It was the second consecutive year that a special Justice Department crime survey showed a rise in personal crimes involving violence and theft.

In the broad category of violent crimes, the survey showed a 1.8 per cent decline in 1988. Within the category of violent crime, rape

dropped 23.9 per cent, robbery rose 6.5 per cent and assaults declined 3 per cent.

"Crimes of theft" rose 3.5 per cent last year and household crimes declined 3.4 per cent, the department said.

Under the heading of "Household Crimes," burglary was down last year 4.7 per cent, larceny declined 3.3 per cent, but motor vehicle theft rose 1.2 per cent, the report said.

Overall, US households and people above the age of 12 suffered 35.8 million "crime victimisations" last year. Of that number, 5.9 million were for violent crimes such as rape,

robbery, and simple or aggravated assault. Fourteen million crimes involved personal theft, the Justice Department said, and 15.8 million were household crimes such as burglary, household theft and motor vehicle theft.

Although violent crimes and personal thefts rose in 1988, the rates of personal thefts and household crimes peaked in the mid-1970s through the late 1970s, the Bureau of Justice Statistics said.

The Justice Department agency said burglary rates were about a third higher from 1973 through 1975 than they were in 1988. It also reported that violent crime rates were lower in 1988 than in any year from 1973 through 1982.

Overall, the violent crime rate last year was 16 per cent lower than in 1981, the peak year, the agency said.

Blacks, Hispanics and the poor were most likely to fall victim to serious crime last year, the report said. In addition, men, young people, residents of central cities and people who rent their homes were most likely to have been crime victims.

Serious crimes such as rape, robbery and aggravated assault were higher for blacks than for all other races, the report said. The rates of robbery involved 9.4 "victimisations" per 1,000 blacks, compared to 4.7 for whites and 5.5 for people of other races.

In the category of aggravated assault, blacks had 14.7 "victimisations" per 1,000 people, compared to 7.9 for whites and 9.9 for people of other races.

The report also noted that people under the age of 25 generally suffered higher crime rates than those above that age. It also said the violent crime rate rose in direct proportion to declining family income — meaning the poor most often suffered from criminal violence.

The statistics were contained in an annual report, called the National Crime Survey. The figures include crimes not reported to police.

The unreported crimes are estimated by conducting interviews with people 12 years old or older. The interviews, conducted at six-month intervals, included talks with 101,000 people last year in 50,000 homes.

## Compulsive users

### Drugs: American way of life

WASHINGTON, Oct 30, (Reuters): "Americans represent only two per cent of the world population but consume 60 per cent of the world's illicit drugs," says Dr Arnold Washton, an expert on addiction. "If that is not an indictment of our culture, I don't know what is."

Washton is co-author of a new study that provides some clues to a question rarely touched in the debate over drugs: Why do Americans use more drugs than anyone else?

Experts say US per capita consumption of illicit drugs is the world's highest. In addition, millions abuse prescription drugs from tranquilisers to sleeping pills. Alcohol and tobacco, usually excluded from the drug debate, account for an estimated 450,000 deaths a year.

"We are not only talking about cocaine or crack," Washton said in an interview. "We are seeing high school kids who are getting high from typewriter correction fluid. We are becoming a nation of compulsive drug users, a 'chemical people'."



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The reason is rooted in a society driven by obsessions with perfection, performance, possessions, money and power, according to the study, entitled "Willpower's Not Enough."

At the same time, the support traditionally provided by the extended family or community is breaking down.

In this environment, the study says, people are vulnerable to the temptation of "mood changers" — drugs or compulsive behaviour that make the individual feel good while the effects last and that temporarily meet emotional and social needs the "American way of life" fails to provide.

Addictions in the United States go beyond drugs, according to Washton. No other country has as many compulsive overeaters (estimated at 40 to 60 million) or gamblers (12 million).

For many Americans, even sex is a compulsion.

"For sex addicts, sex is the drug that is used in a never-ending search for relief, distraction, comfort, excitement and a sense of power or other effect having little to do with sex itself," the study says.

Some 60 million Americans, it asserts, are sexually abused by the time they reach 18. Reports of sexual abuse have shot up from 6,000 in 1976 to 200,000 last year.

"It is a form of collective insanity to believe that if all illicit drugs were somehow removed from this country, we would become a society of noncompulsive, life-embracing people," said Washton, director of the Washington Institute on Addictions in New York and founder of the First National Cocaine Hotline.

"The fact that so many other types of compulsive behaviour are springing up testifies to the fallacy of that belief."

Many drug experts view with scepticism sociological explanations for a drug epidemic which

has turned parts of major cities into virtual war zones and costs an estimated \$200 billion a year in lost productivity, medical care and crime.

"I don't think it is correct to say that America is a continuously addictive society," said Dr David Musto of Yale University, a leading authority on the history of drug use in the United States. "At various times, we have gone from being tremendous consumers of drugs to using almost no drugs whatsoever."

The pendulum has swung from one extreme to the other in periods of 70 to 80 years, Musto said, recalling that former president William Taft spoke in 1910 of "a most fearful epidemic of cocaine." Fifteen years later, the epidemic had run its course.

There is no sign that the present epidemic is near its peak. Anti-narcotics officials say that crack, an extremely addictive, smokable form of cocaine, is fast spreading from urban slums to the middle class and from cities to the countryside.

Many Americans, including law enforcement officers, share an uneasy feeling that their way of life contributes to the problem.

"There is not one single answer," said a senior official of the Drug Enforcement Administration, "but one of the root causes is in the family."

"Millions of kids are left to themselves. Among the poor, single-parent families often just don't function. Among the middle class, mom and dad are often too busy with their careers to spare time for the children."

A recent study of 5,000 teenage schoolchildren in California found that "latchkey children" caring for themselves after school were twice as likely to use alcohol and 1.7 times as likely to use marijuana as adolescents

## Gunmen wound Bogota scribes

BOGOTA, Oct 30, (AP): Two gunmen on a motorcycle wounded two journalists as they left a Bogota television studio. Hours after an alleged cocaine smuggler was extradited and flown to the United States.

Police said the gunmen yesterday shot Jorge Enrique Pulido, producer of the news programme "Mundo Vision," and news-woman Ximena Godoy as they got into a car outside the studio.

Pulido, 45, was shot twice in the shoulder and once in the throat, and Ms. Godoy, 22, was hit in the leg, a police spokesman said. Both were in stable condition at a Bogota hospital.

Police said they captured one suspect, and he was being questioned.

No group claimed responsibility, but it appeared to be another attack on Colombian journalists by drug traffickers in reprisal for the government's extradition policy.

Jose Abello Silva, an alleged kingpin of the Medellin cocaine cartel, was turned over to US narcotics agents before dawn yesterday at a Bogota airport and flown to Tulsa, Oklahoma.

He was the fifth and most important drug trafficking suspect extradited to the United States since the Colombian government began a crackdown on traffickers 10 weeks ago.

The US indictment accuses Abello of involvement in a conspiracy to ship more than 1,700 pounds of cocaine and 6,200 pounds of marijuana to the United States.

Pulido and Ms. Godoy are the ninth and 10th news media employees shot since the government began the crackdown a day after the assassination of a leading presidential candidate. The other eight journalists were fatally wounded.

In the week after the crackdown began, a group calling itself The Extraditables and representing drug traffickers vowed in a letter sent to a radio network to attack the country's journalists and public figures.

Since then, the offices of two newspapers have been bombed.

Police said four bombs exploded in different locations in Bogota last night, causing damage but no casualties.

The cocaine cartels began a bombing campaign after the government launched its crackdown, including the extradition policy. At least 175 bombings in the past 10 weeks have killed 22 people and injured 220.

President Barco returned Saturday night from San Jose, Costa Rica, where he met leaders from throughout the Americas, including President Bush, to discuss the drug war, among other issues.

Also on Saturday night, Minister of the Interior Carlos Lemos Simmonds condemned the assassination of leftist leader Gabriel Santamaría in Medellin and announced a meeting with leftist politicians to discuss new security measures.

Santamaría, vice-president of the Antioquia state assembly and president of the leftist Patriotic Union, was shot dead by gunmen in his office in Medellin on Friday afternoon.

## Pretoria party attacks ANC

### Row over mass rally

JOHANNESBURG, Oct 30, (Agencies): South Africa's ruling party today condemned renewed African National Congress (ANC) backing for guerrilla war and said it showed a political settlement was a long way off.

The white National Party (NP) said it regretted speeches by veteran ANC leaders to a mass rally at the weekend reaffirming support for the banned black nationalist organisation's armed struggle against white minority rule.

A singing, cheering crowd of 70,000 heard speeches by seven elderly ANC leaders freed by the government on Oct 15 after decades in prison. The meeting at a stadium near Johannesburg was in effect South Africa's first ANC rally in almost 50 years.

The speakers listed a string of demands, including the lifting of a ban on the ANC and the release of Nelson Mandela. They said the demands must be met by Pretoria before the ANC would consider ending violence.



Papandreou addressing his supporters in Athens Constitution Square. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Heaven offered Papa promises

ATHENS, Oct 30, (Reuters): With the Greek election one week away, former prime minister Andreas Papandreou is promising voters his Socialist Party would guarantee higher incomes.

Speaking yesterday to a crowd of 150,000 cheering supporters in an Athens square, Papandreou warned that victory for the conservative New Democracy Party in the Nov 5 poll would mean high unemployment and less money for the workers.

"One-third of our society will be condemned to poverty... wages will be drastically cut and prices will soar," Papandreou declared as his supporters lit red flares and waved green-and-white Socialist flags.

Papandreou castigated conservative New Democracy leader Constantine Mitsotakis, accusing him of trying to force the "harsh economic policies" of British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher on the Greek people.

"Mr Mitsotakis has pledged to become the Greek Margaret Thatcher. He is jealous of her bankruptcy. Thatcherism means the demolition of the welfare state, less state funds and privatisation of education and medicine," he said.

Papandreou, 70, promised higher wages and pensions and more jobs for young people.

Mitsotakis, meanwhile, joined thousands of his supporters yesterday at a memorial service in the village of Karpensi for his slain son-in-law, Paul Bakoyannis, who was shot dead by left-wing guerrillas last month in Athens.

Mitsotakis and his daughter Dora stood listening to Byzantine hymns as black-clad supporters wearing "Bakoyannis lives" stickers waved New Democracy white-and-blue flags and clapped outside the church in Karpensi, Bakoyannis's home town.

Chief NP spokesman Con Botha said the National Party was happy that one of the largest political gatherings in recent South African history had passed off peacefully.

"On the negative side, the statements in support of continued violence are regrettable."

"It shows that there's a long way to go before we can even start talking about a settlement," he told Reuters.

The government says the ANC, the main organisation fighting to end white minority rule, must renounce violence before it can enter negotiations.

The extreme right-wing white Conservative Party (CP), in a statement indirectly referring to Sunday's rally, demanded that De Klerk should convene a special sitting of parliament to discuss what is called a blatant challenge posed to Pretoria by left-wing forces threatening violence.

The CP said the ANC was enjoying complete freedom to propagate its views.

Police said they were studying videotapes of the rally and reading the speeches to see if security laws had been infringed.

Although the government permitted the rally, which would otherwise have been forbidden under emergency rules, it has stated that the ANC remains under a ban imposed in 1960.

A pro-government newspaper, the Citizen, suggested Pretoria should lift its ban as the rally showed it was no longer being enforced. The position was ridiculous and dangerous, it said.

"The government is going to have to make a decision. We can't have a banned group holding meetings and furthering illegal aims," political analyst Gary van Staaden told Reuters.

Botha said the contradiction in government policy was understandable because De Klerk's five-year reform plan to give blacks a role in government was still in its early stages.

"One must allow for a certain degree of latitude because the waters are still being tested on both sides to see what the people's views are," he said.

Lawrence Schleimer, director of Witwatersrand University's Centre for Policy Studies, said the meeting was a boost for reform despite the contradiction in government policy.

"By giving permission for the rally they showed they actually want to create an opportunity for the ANC to enter talks. I find that very encouraging," he told Reuters.

The South African Council of Churches said today the huge rally had gone off "without even creating a traffic jam."

## Maggie in crisis session

LONDON, Oct 30, (Reuters): British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher summoned senior advisers for strategy talks today to rescue her leadership from a crisis of confidence after the resignation of Nigel Lawson as chancellor of the Exchequer.

Anxiety among supporters of Thatcher's ruling Conservative Party deepened as an opinion poll showed 52 per cent of voters thought she should resign at once and former cabinet minister Norman Tebbit publicly denounced her style of leadership.

At the start of what could be a crucial week for her future, Thatcher called Deputy Prime Minister Sir Geoffrey Howe and party chairman Kenneth Baker to her Downing Street residence.

They were joined by Sir Craggie Ouslow who as chairman of a parliamentary committee which represents rank-and-file legislators is ideally placed to gauge the weight of pressure for Thatcher to quit.

A growing number of Conservatives fear that voter dislike for Thatcher and the row over Lawson's sudden resignation could cost them power at the next election due by mid-1992.

Lawson walked out of the cabinet last week when Thatcher refused to sack her economic adviser Sir Alan Walters who had been offering her advice on the economy that ran counter to the chancellor's. Walters also resigned shortly afterwards.

Thatcher has hit the lowest popularity rating of any British leader since polling began 30 years ago, according to a national opinion poll published today.

The poll found only 24 per cent of 935 voters sampled were satisfied with her performance, and was the latest in a series of soundings that are the worst for Thatcher since she won power 10 years ago.

## Ortega defers truce decision

MANAGUA, Oct 30, (UPI): Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega said he will decide tomorrow whether to suspend a ceasefire with the Contra rebels and asked Costa Rica, Venezuela and Spain to mediate the dispute with Washington.

Ortega stunned 16 presidents from throughout the Americas, including President Bush, at the San Jose summit late Friday when he said his country would suspend its 19-month-old "unilateral" ceasefire with the US-backed Contras, who have waged war against the Sandinista government since 1981.

The Nicaraguan President softened his stance Saturday morning, saying he would reinstate the truce if the US Congress cuts off aid to the rebels.

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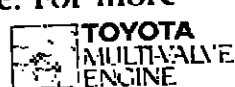
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## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Engine failure

DALLAS, Oct. 30, (UPI): An engine on a Delta Airlines jet failed shortly after takeoff from Dallas-Fort Worth international airport last night, but the plane returned safely with 94 passengers and a crew of six, a company official said.

One of the three Pratt and Whitney engines on Flight 691 en route to Denver apparently broke just after takeoff about 7:30 pm, scattering pieces from the engine of the Boeing 727 on the runway, Delta spokeswoman Jackie Pate said early today in Atlanta.

"Our mechanics are still working on the plane, but there is no ruling on the cause yet," said Pate.

The 94 passengers and six crew were placed on another airline and arrived last night in Denver, she said.

## Suits settled

DETROIT, Oct. 30, (AP): Northwest Airlines has reached tentative settlements in nearly all of the lawsuits filed against it in the wake of the Aug. 16, 1987, crash of Flight 255, a newspaper reported yesterday.

Opening arguments in the combined trial of negligence lawsuits against Northwest and McDonnell Douglas Corp., manufacturer of the MD-80 jet that crashed on takeoff from Detroit Metropolitan Airport, still are scheduled to begin tomorrow in US district court in Detroit.

But the Arizona Republic in Phoenix, citing a statement issued Saturday by US district judge Julian Cook Jr., said Northwest has settled or reached tentative settlements in most of the 157 suits originally filed against the airline.

## DC-10 probe

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30, (UPI): A metallurgical flaw produced during the construction of a key engine part caused a United Airlines DC-10 to crash in Sioux City, Iowa, last July, killing 112 of the 296 on board, a published report said yesterday.

An explosion like the one that caused the tail engine to break from the ill-fated aircraft has "never happened before," a United Airlines spokesman, an official with the Federal Aviation Administration, told the Washington Post.

For months, investigators suspected the explosion of the General Electric CF6-6 engine was caused by a rupture in a 300-pound (136 kg) titanium disk that spins the blades in the engine's forward fan assembly.

## Van Dunem in Lisbon

LISBON, Portugal Oct. 30, (AP): Angolan Foreign Minister Pedro van Dunem arrived to begin a two-day official visit here today, as Portugal begins to reshape relations with its former colony.

Van Dunem is expected to inform his Portuguese counterpart Joao de Deus Pinheiro and Prime Minister Anibal Cavaco Silva of latest efforts to end Angola's 14-year-old civil war and discuss bilateral issues, a Foreign Ministry official said.

## Zimbabwe police

HARARE, Oct. 30, (Reuters): Zimbabwe's main opposition group today accused the government of rigging ballots in three parliamentary by-elections held last week.

The Zimbabwe Unity Movement (ZUM), launched six months ago by dissident politician Edgar Tsvetenyi, was easily beaten by the ruling Zanu-PF Party.

Tsvetenyi, a former top Zanu-PF official, told a news conference forged votes had been stuffed into ballot boxes to ensure victory for the ruling party.

## Seeking access

MAPUTO, Mozambique, Oct. 30, (AP): Six US members of a missionary medical team seized by Mozambican soldiers had been travelling with a Briton once linked to spying for Mozambican guerrillas, the national news agency said today.

US diplomats were seeking access to the Americans taken into custody last week near the Malawi border, said US embassy spokeswoman Cynthia Efrid. She said the group includes seven Americans but could include only six last night.

## Taiwan criticised

TAIPEI, Taiwan, Oct. 30, (AP): A Taiwanese businessman who helped three mainland Chinese activists flee communist prosecution criticised the government today for failing to grant them immediate political asylum.

The three activists, identified as Zhang Gang, Zhou Qiang and Wang Luomeng, arrived Sunday by fishing boat. They are being held in the Taiwan garrison command's detention centre about 100 kilometres (60 miles) southeast of Taipei at illegal immigrants.

Chen Pao-Chung, owner of a store selling mainland Chinese musical instruments and cassette tapes, said he went to China early this month to plot the risky escape.

## Criminal charges

SOFIA, Oct. 30, (Reuters): The United States urged Bulgaria's hard-line communist rulers today to drop threats of criminal charges and expulsion made to a number of leading dissidents.

Dissidents in the capital Sofia said human rights activist Anton Zaprjanov was ordered to leave the country by tomorrow.

Another activist, Lyubomir Sobajev, was quoted as saying he was threatened with spy charges after meeting Western delegates at an international environmental conference in Sofia.

## Nationalist unrest hits Soviet Uzbekistan

MOSCOW, Oct. 30, (Reuters): Nationalist demonstrators in the Soviet Central Asian Republic of Uzbekistan have attacked policemen, uprooted trees and halted public transport in the past month, Pravda said today.

The Communist Party daily did not say when the disturbances had taken place in the Uzbek capital, Tashkent,

and in other cities, but said some 200 illegal protests had occurred since the beginning of the year.

Central Asia, particularly Uzbekistan, has been one of the focal points of ethnic unrest which has rocked the Soviet republics over the past 18 months and threatened to compromise Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's

reform programme.

At least 100 died last June in Uzbekistan's Fergana Valley when Uzbeks attacked ethnic Turks in their homes and on streets.

Pravda said the troubles had been started by "unhealthy and slanderous statements" and suggested they were linked to economic hardships in the

republic, where officials say up to one million people are out of work.

"The demonstrators have smashed lamp standards, damaged greenery and disrupted public transport," the daily's correspondent Viktor Artemenko wrote.

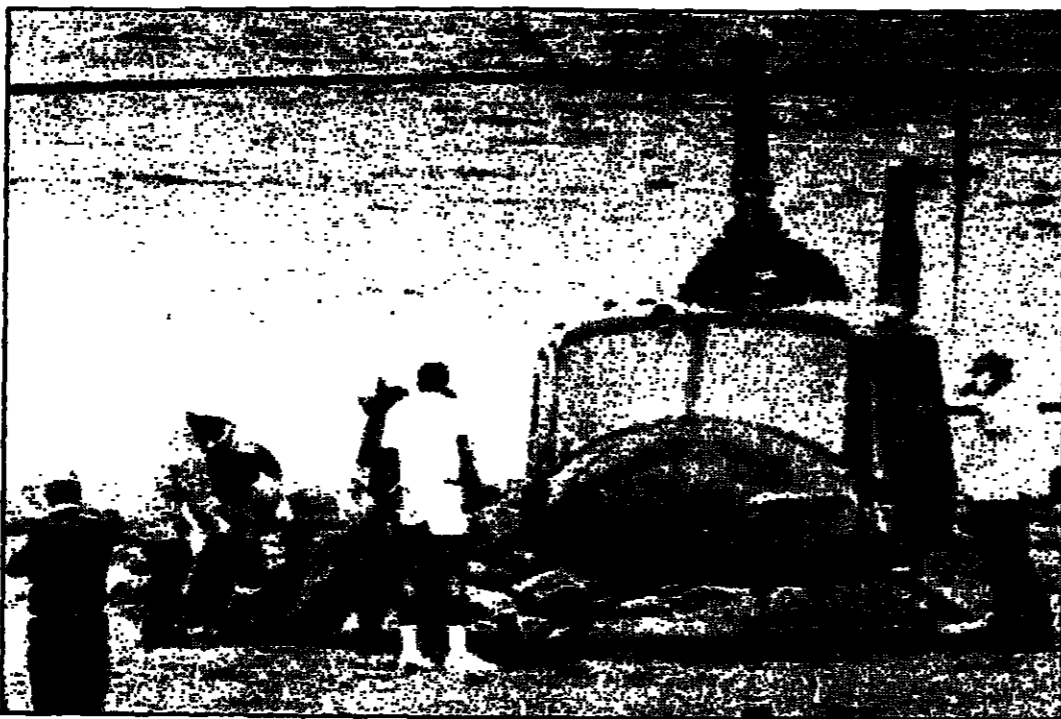
About 100 policemen have been injured ... on one day alone, more than

100 lawbreakers were detained in local interior Ministry offices. Worst of all, the slanders are stirring up national hatred and animosity and spreading provocative and panic-inducing rumours."

There has been an upsurge in cultural awareness in recent months with the creation of Berik, a group devoted to

promoting local interests and the Uzbek language.

The ousted head of a Soviet government council on religion Konstantin Kharchev says Communist Party bureaucrats are trying to block Gorbachev's efforts to increase religious tolerance.



20 die in plane crash

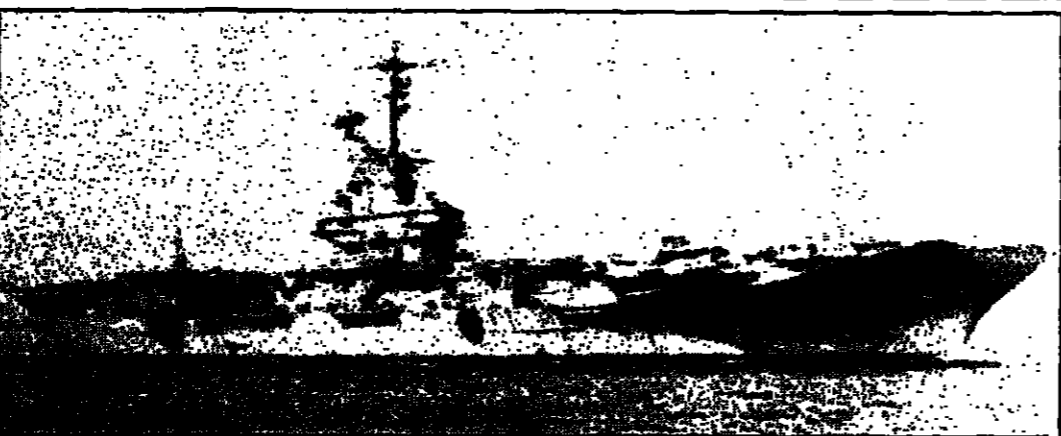
A twin-engine commuter plane that slammed into a ridge in a rugged coastal valley and killed all 20 people aboard recently had a regular checkup, and airline officials refused to speculate on what caused it to crash.

Search and rescue teams recovered all 20 bodies on Sunday, rappelling from helicopters to reach the charred wreckage of the Aloha Islandair de Havilland Twin Otter. Wreckage was scattered over several hundred yards below the ridge line at the 750-foot (225-m) level of Halawa valley on the northeastern coast of the island of Molokai.

Officials said the victims included eight players and two

coaches a high school boys' and girls' volleyball teams. Peter Dudgeon, Aloha Islandair's vice-president and general manager, said the debris indicated a "high-velocity impact" but said he would not speculate on the cause of the crash.

Dudgeon said the pilot, Capt. Bruce Pollard, had 3,600 flight hours and was soon to become a first officer with the parent company, Aloha Airlines. Picture shows rescue workers load a body bag with the remains of one of 20 people killed in the crash. (Reuters wirephoto)



Jet hits carrier

A jet practising take-offs and landings crashed into the tower of the aircraft carrier Lexington. Then cartwheeling and burst into flames on the flight deck.

Five were killed and two injured in the accident yesterday, six days before the anniversary of a 1945 attack by a Japanese kamikaze pilot.

The two-seater T-2 Buckeye jet, based at the naval air station in Meridian, Mississippi, crashed during the training mission about 30 miles (50 kilometres) south of Pen-

ascoles in the Gulf of Mexico.

The pilot approached too low for a landing and deck crewmembers tried to wave the liner off before the crash, according to Congressman Earl Hutto of Florida.

The plane hit the tower of the 46-year-old aircraft carrier, flipped over and slammed into a row of parked planes, said the congressman, who was briefed by navy officials. Picture shows a file photo of a T-2 Buckeye trainer aircraft. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Chinese radicals in Taiwan

TAIPEI, Taiwan, Oct. 30, (AP): Three Chinese dissidents who say they were involved in a pro-democracy movement on mainland China have been smuggled into Taiwan with help from a Taiwanese friend, police reported yesterday.

Police said the dissidents arrived in northern Taiwan aboard a Taiwanese boat Saturday night after escaping Friday from China's eastern Fujian province.

The three claim they have brought important documents for leaders of a new coalition of Chinese students and dissidents in Paris, police said.

They were identified as Zhang Gang, Wang Lung-Meng, and Li Lin, and police said they are seeking political asylum in Taiwan but want to apply to live in France.

All martial law troops will be pulled out of Beijing's Tiananmen Square and from posts at major road junctions by Wednesday, state radio reported today.

It broadcast an order from the Beijing city government and martial law command which said soldiers, who have guarded the square since putting down student-led demonstrations on June 4, would be replaced by armed police.

The army would, however, continue to patrol parts of the city with police and militia.

## Curfew in Phnom Penh

## Khmer rebels seize Samlot

ARANYAPRATHET, Thailand, Oct. 30, (UPI): Cambodian resistance groups today said their troops captured another district capital and a string of villages in an offensive in western Cambodia.

The Phnom Penh government, meanwhile, showing its first public signs of concern at the month-long resistance offensive, is reinstating a night-time curfew, according to a Thai newspaper reporting from the Cambodian capital.

The Khmer Rouge, the most powerful of the three resistance groups, said its forces seized Samlot, a district seat near the Thai border south of Pailin, the strategic district they captured a week ago.

The clandestine radio of the Beijing-backed group said resistance troops seized the district office on Saturday.

It said "many soldiers were killed, wounded and taken prisoner," but gave no further details.

Samlot was a traditional stronghold for the Khmer Rouge and became well-known in 1967 when peasants rebelled against the government of Prince Norodom Sihanouk.

Now Sihanouk and the Khmer Rouge are allied in the resistance coalition against the Phnom Penh government which was installed following Vietnam's invasion in 1978.

## Libyan 'had role' in Pan Am crash

FRANKFURT, West Germany, Oct. 30, (AP): Investigators have clues that the bomb which blew up Pan Am Flight 103 originated in Malta and that a Libyan may have played a role in the attack that killed 270 people, a West German official said today.

All 259 people aboard the Jumbo jet and 11 residents of Lockerbie, Scotland, were killed by the explosion and falling debris from the Dec 21 bombing.

London's Sunday Times first reported the evidence pointing to Malta, an island nation that traditionally has enjoyed good relations with the government of Libyan leader Col. Muammar Khaddafi.

The Sunday Times also reported the bomb was placed in a suitcase containing clothing made and purchased in Malta.

Today, a spokesman for West Germany's federal criminal investigations office in Wiesbaden confirmed the possible Maltese link, saying it was providing a "hot trail" for investigators.

Previous news media reports have contended the bomb was placed on board in luggage checked in at Frankfurt. West German investigators have repeatedly denied there was any evidence to substantiate those reports.

Pan Am Flight 103 originated in Frankfurt. The passengers and bags were transferred to the ill-fated Boeing 747 at Heathrow Airport in London.

"There are clues that a suitcase from Malta may have played a part," criminal investigations office spokesman Willi Fundermann said.

"There are also clues that someone from Libya—or at least someone with a Libyan accent—may have bought the items," the spokesman said in a telephone interview with the Associated Press. "Whether he also is the one who brought it (the suitcase) on board is still not known at this time."

Fundermann said the investigation is being directed by West German and British investigators.

He said the West Germans were checking clues in Malta and also want to know "how the suitcase must have gone through Frankfurt."

Fundermann said the tip about Malta came from examining evidence from the crash site, but did not elaborate. The Sunday Times said the evidence about Malta was in a computer list of all luggage put aboard Flight 103 when in Frankfurt.

There has been speculation that a group of Palestinians arrested last October in West Germany may have been behind the attack, but Fundermann said there was no proof of that.

"As part of the ongoing international investigation, officers from the inquiry team at Lockerbie have travelled to many different countries, including Malta. Clearly, it would be imprudent for me to comment on the significance of any of these inquiries while the investigation is still active," said John Orr, the Scottish detective heading the investigation.

Orr's statement was released by the police press office in Lockerbie on Saturday night, after the Sunday Times report was made public.

The Sunday Times quoted Louis Grech, chief executive of Air Malta, as confirming last week that Scottish police had interviewed a senior executive of the airline.

Citing British sources, the newspaper said the baggage list showed one suitcase was transferred to Flight 103 in Frankfurt from an Air Malta plane, Flight KM180 which originated in Malta on the morning of Dec 21.

No passenger accompanied the bag on the Pan Am flight, the Sunday Times said.

Scottish detectives heading up the investigation have contended for several months the bomb was put aboard Flight 103 in Frankfurt.

## Hungary free to quit East bloc

## No objection: Kremlin

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30, (AP): The Kremlin would not object if Hungary chose to leave the Warsaw Pact or East Germany chose to reunite with West Germany, Soviet officials said yesterday.

A senior official under President George Bush expressed surprise at the comments, by Soviet party spokesman Nikolai Shishlin and Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennadi Gerasimov. Previously, Soviet and Hungarian officials have stressed that Hungary would stay in the Kremlin-led Warsaw Pact military alliance.

The Soviet statements followed a declaration by President Mikhail Gorbachev last week his nation had no moral right to interfere with changes underway in the Soviet bloc nations of Eastern Europe.

Gorbachev also declared a willingness to dissolve the Warsaw Pact if the West disbands the North



Havel treated well

Noted playwright Vaclav Havel, speaking relaxed and rested, said yesterday he is being treated well in the hospital where he is staying for a lung inflammation.

Havel, who was hospitalized after he complained of illness while being detained Thursday by police, said he probably will be released tomorrow.

On Friday night, a portion of his play "The Garden Party" was shown at a Prague theatre as part of a mosaic of plays by Czech authors, the first time in 20 years that Havel's works have been performed officially in his homeland.

However, the state censor asked that some passages from the play be removed, and the work was not repeated last night.

Havel was arrested last week Oct 26 but released to a hospital on suffering chest pain.

Czechoslovak authorities will prosecute 149 people who took part in the country's biggest anti-government demonstration for 20 years, the Communist Party newspaper said today. (Reuters wirephoto)

## GDR reds beat their own drum

## Dismantle Wall call

BERLIN, Oct. 30, (AP): After a mass rally to discuss reform drew 20,000 to East Berlin, the Communist Party reminded East Germans today that the dramatic turn of events in their country has been brought to them by socialism.

The officially sponsored rally yesterday was intended to generate dialogue on the need for reform but turned into a critique of party dominance and Stalinist restrictions on personal freedom.

Angry East Berliners demanded dismantling of the Berlin Wall and mourned the nearly 200 of their countrymen shot down by border guards for trying to flee over the barrier since its construction in 1961.

The party newspaper, Neues Deutschland, described the weekend's rallies and protests as "passionate and open, pugnacious and constructive," making no effort to discourage future public outbursts that have been drawing thousands to the streets each night.

However, in an attempt to woo activists and control the pace of change, the newspaper said: "It is our party that has tackled this turn of events. It works together with all of those who hold a strengthening of socialism in our country close to their hearts."

Demonstrations for demo-

Atlantic Treaty Organisation, a step the Bush administration has rejected as an effort to cut US influence in Europe.

Shishlin, appearing on the ABC television network programme "This Week with David Brinkley," was asked whether the Soviet Union would object if Hungary decided to leave the Warsaw Pact.

"We respect the Hungarian choice, anyhow. We are not afraid of these changes," Shishlin said.

Asked whether Hungary was "free to leave the Warsaw Pact," Shishlin replied: "Surely. But you know that Hungarian officials declared that they are ready to be in the Warsaw Pact, until now."

In 1956, a declaration by Hungarian leader Imre Nagy that his nation would quit the alliance prompted Soviet military intervention. In recent months, reform leaders elected to power in Hungary and Poland have declared their intention to remain in the Soviet alliance.

Shishlin also appeared to leave the door open to reunification of West and East Germany, which have been divided since World War II. The US and West German governments historically have favoured unification, but the East German and Soviet governments have not.

In light of the turmoil in East Germany, Shishlin said: "Nobody can predict what will happen. And I am sure that this situation should be changed and it will be changed."

"How will it be changed?" Shishlin was asked.

"By the right of choice," he replied.

"Everything depends on the Germans. But it is necessary to understand our interests, not to destabilise the situation in Europe," he said. "Let us wait a little bit, and I think we will find a new situation."

Shishlin did not respond directly when asked whether it would be possible to remove the Berlin Wall, erected by East Germany and the Soviet Union in 1961 to prevent the flight of refugees to the West.

In Budapest, the first session of Parliament under a revamped constitution that formally commits the country to democracy opened today with key environmental and political topics on the agenda.

## Hardline approach defended

ROME, Oct. 30, (Reuters): US Defence Secretary Dick Cheney defended today his hardline approach to Soviet reform and said Western euphoria over Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev appeared to be cooling.

Cheney, winding up a tour of West European capitals before heading for Australia, said more Western officials now realised the enormity of the task taken on by the Soviet leader.

He defended his cautious approach to prospects for quick military change in the Soviet Union and eastern Europe and his outspoken warnings in Paris, London, Bonn, Rome and Portugal that NATO defenses must remain strong for the present.

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# Ozal heads for easy win over rivals despite protest

ANKARA, Oct 30, (Reuters): Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal looks set to stroll to an easy victory in presidential elections tomorrow despite opposition howls of protest and an abysmal rating in public opinion polls.

Triumph for Ozal in the parliamentary vote would elevate him to a post that traditionally has been non-partisan, but his opponents fear he would strengthen his role to retain his grip on power.

"Ambition has blinded his reason. Cankaya (the presidential palace) belongs to the nation," Suleyman

Demirel, leader of the centre-right True Path Party (DYP), told a weekend rally in the Anatolian city of Kayseri.

"He (Ozal) is trying to confiscate this," Demirel said.

The DYP and the opposition Social Democrat Populist Party (SHP) boycotted two rounds of voting earlier this month, when Ozal failed to win the required two-thirds majority.

They are likely to stay away again tomorrow, when Ozal will need only a simple majority of parliament's 450 votes.

His only opponent is Motherland colleague Fethi Celikbas, a 77-year-old with a sprinkling of support from the party's liberal wing.

The opposition says Ozal, a pro-Western and often autocratic prime minister since 1983, is defying the popular will and has vowed not to recognise him as president.

Opinion polls published in *Hurriyet* and *Sabah* newspapers at the weekend showed that seven out of 10 city residents do not want Ozal as president.

Discontent has focused on an annual

inflation rate currently at 73 per cent, which has set back an economic recovery launched through liberalising reforms.

Ozal would be only the second fully civilian president since the Turkish Republic was founded in 1923, perhaps breaking for ever a tradition of soldier-bureaucrat presidents.

With no rumblings detectable in the army, which seized power three times between 1960 and 1980, Ozal seems assured of winning the necessary 226 votes.

Motherland has 285 seats in

parliament and he received 256 and 247 votes in the first two rounds, when 300 were needed for the required two-thirds majority.

Opposition parties, hoping the broad-based Motherland will be rudderless without Ozal at the helm, say they are confident of winning general elections due by November 1992.

"We will close his account with an election. The president may be someone you do not favour but this should not affect your hopes and enthusiasm," SHP leader Erdal Inonu told reporters.

## US-Israel close to an agreement

### Soviets may try

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Oct 30. (Agencies): Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens said today that Israel and the United States "may be getting close" to agreeing on a formula for negotiations on elections in the occupied territories.

Arens said letters and telephone calls with US Secretary of State James Baker and Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel Meguid had focused on working out the ground rules for preliminary talks.

"It has taken three weeks of letters and telephone calls trying to arrive at an agreed formula," Arens said in a speech to British members of the Joint Israel Appeal.

He added: "We're not there yet. I hope we will be there. I think we may be getting close."

An Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman said today that Baker has not yet sent Arens any modifications of his five-point proposal for talks.

Arens, who last week sent Baker proposed changes in the US plan, said Israel wanted assurances that the plan would rule out involvement by the PLO, which Israel considers a terrorist organisation, and limit the talks to the subject of elections that Israeli has proposed for the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The spokesman said he believed Baker was discussing the issue with Egypt.

Arens told the gathering that it was difficult to reach an agreement on preliminary talks.

"We are concerned that there are pressures coming from different quarters whose intention is, in effect, to bypass the Israeli peace initiative, to subvert the Israeli peace initiative, not to have elections at all," Arens said.

Israeli Vice Premier Shimon Peres accused his partners in Israel's coalition government today of wasting time by avoiding a decision on US-proposed talks about Palestinian elections.

He said there was "almost pathetic" quibbling over the

terms for the projected talks with Palestinians on elections.

In Cairo, a top Soviet envoy, visiting Egypt to raise Moscow's profile in Middle East peace efforts, hinted today that the Soviet Union might adopt a more flexible stance to break the deadlock.

Moscow has traditionally insisted that a full-scale peace conference should be convened to resolve the Israeli-Arab conflict.

But Soviet Foreign Ministry official Gennady Tarasov indicated that the Soviet Union might also consider other proposals, including a US formula for bringing Palestinians and Israelis together at a negotiating table in Cairo.

"I think they (other proposals) are all worth discussing," Tarasov told reporters after meeting Egyptian presidential adviser Osama Al Baz.

The United States and Egypt have both been trying to encourage Palestinians and Israelis to meet for what could be limited preliminary talks on elections in the Israeli-occupied territories.



Rabin gestures as he leaves after the cabinet meeting. (Reuter wirephoto)

## MIDEAST BRIEFS

### Peres back

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Oct 30. (AP): Vice-President and Finance Minister Shimon Peres went home today after a two-week hospitalisation for treatment of a urinary tract infection.

Peres said he will participate in a meeting of Israel's inner cabinet on Wednesday if there is a discussion of US Secretary of State James A. Baker III's peace proposal.

### Ethiopian leaders

ADDIS ABABA, Oct 30, (Reuters): Ethiopia's ruling party and parliament will hold special sessions this week widely expected to lead to the announcement of peace talks with the rebel Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF).

The official Ethiopian News Agency (ENA) said the central committee of the ruling Workers' Party of Ethiopia began an extraordinary meeting in Addis Ababa today.

### Bank scandal

AMMAN, Oct 30, (Reuters): Jordanian security men have seized 22 people on orders of a military committee probing possible fraud at a major local bank, banking sources said yesterday.

An official told Reuters that Ali Sarraf, former dealer at Petra Bank, had been detained for a second time. Sarraf, an Iraqi, earlier spent 28 days in custody without trial.

The banking sources said 22 former bank staff or business associates of former Petra bank chairman Ahmed Chalabi, also an Iraqi, had been rounded up by the military security service.

### Links denied

AMMAN, Oct 30, (Reuters): The Muslim Brotherhood said yesterday it had no links with Islamic conservatives who have charged with apostasy a women's rights advocate standing for Jordan's parliament.

"This is a piece of theatre to give a bad idea about the Islamic movement," Zaid Abu Ghannem, a Brotherhood spokesman, told Reuters. "We believe the case is not only against Mrs Toujan but against us. We have no relation with this problem."

### No longer 'Iron Lady'

DAMASCUS, Oct 30, (Reuters): Syria said today British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher was set to lose her power due to the deepest government crisis in her decade of rule.

Thatcher is facing the worst ministerial crisis since she assumed power 10 years ago, the serious countdown for the Conservative Party's loss of power or at least Thatcher's loss of the party's leadership has started," said the official Tishrin newspaper.

### Egyptian daily

CAIRO, Oct 30, (Kuna): An Egyptian daily today warned against the mysterious silence and negativity of the American government toward reports on co-operation between Tel Aviv and South Africa to produce a long-range nuclear missile.

Daily Al Akhbar, published here, said Washington would discover that its policy of pampering Israel will not only harm Arab countries or the Middle East region but will one day draw all the world with a destructive war.

### Dealer sentenced

KHARTOUM, Oct 30, (Kuna): An Egyptian national has been sentenced to death for trading in heroin but his two other accomplices were acquitted for insufficient evidence.

The military court found Saeed Ahmed Jab-Ala guilty of possessing and trading in 10 grammes of heroin and sentenced him to be hanged under a new law passed by the present military government which assumed power four months ago.

## Sudan pledge to respect ceasefire

KHARTOUM, Oct 30, (Reuters): Sudan's military government, hit by the first major battlefield defeat since seizing power in a June coup, said today it was still committed to a unilateral ceasefire with southern rebels.

"The armed forces will be committed to the declared ceasefire except when it is facing aggression," Chief-of-Staff Lt-Gen Ismael Ibrahim Omar told the Sudan News Agency.

Troops withdrew from Al Kurmukin Blue Nile province due to heavy shelling by rebels of the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) from inside Ethiopia. The army vowed to retake the town.

State Radio Omdurman said the governor of the central region where the abandoned town is located has declared a state of emergency to assist the army recapture it. The town was held briefly by the SPLA two years ago.

It was the first major setback for the army since a 15-man military junta led by Gen Omar



Salute to a martyr

Three Palestinian youths dressed in Israeli uniforms salute as they attend a funeral for an 18-year-old shot by Israeli soldiers. The Palestinian at left has a chain sling around his neck, at right, a partially full bottle is suspended from the youths' belt. Youth in centre has Palestinian flag tucked into belt and stand to attention with a sword (partially seen). Reuter wirephoto

## Iraq, Iran hope to break deadlock

### Ready to resume talks

NICOSIA, Cyprus, Oct 30, (AP): Both Iran and Iraq said today they hoped United Nations envoy Jan Eliasson could break the deadlock in the Gulf war peace talks, but neither indicated flexibility on the issues that have plagued the negotiations for over a year.

Eliasson is due in Iraq tomorrow to start a new round of shuttle diplomacy between Baghdad and Tehran.

Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati said

His remarks to the government-run paper were carried by the official Islamic Republic News Agency, monitored in Nicosia. UN ceasefire observers estimated the Iraqis hold around 1,000 square kilometres (380 square miles) of Iranian territory.

In Baghdad, Al Jomhuriya newspaper said Iraq will co-operate with Eliasson.

"Stemming from Iraq's keenness to achieve peace with Iran, Iraq will respond favourably with the new UN move and will fully co-operate with the secretary-general's envoy," the government-run paper said in a front-page editorial.

Al Jomhuriya stressed that Iran's refusal to enter direct negotiation with Iraq and its refusal to release Prisoners of War remain the major obstacles blocking the peace talks.

Iraq said Saturday that Iran's reluctance to commit itself to the

Iran welcomed the UN effort and Ali Mohammad Besharati, Deputy Foreign minister, said in an interview with the daily Jomhuri Islami that the Islamic Republic expects him to find a formula for resuming the talks.

But Besharati stressed that the UN Security Council should force Iraq to withdraw from 2,000 kilometres (770 square miles) of Iranian territory captured in the weeks before the 8-year war ended in a ceasefire on August 20, 1988.

Iran denied its forces had fired on the tugboat, although its navy was conducting manoeuvres in the strategic waterway at the time.

Tehran radio, monitored in Nicosia, said the timing of the Iraqi claim, just before Eliasson's arrival, indicated Baghdad "intends to continue its subterfuges to block progress" in implementing the UN ceasefire resolution.

Unofficials in Baghdad said Eliasson, special representative of Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar, was not carrying any specific proposals for the 2-3 week shuttle.

But Western diplomatic sources in Baghdad said the UN envoy would concentrate his mission of convincing the two

countries to start an immediate exchange of Prisoners of War and will attempt to convince the Iraqis to withdraw from the Iranian territory it holds.

Iraq proposed last month that a prisoner exchange begin in isolation from the political negotiations, but Iran insists that Iraq should withdraw from its territory first.

The deadlock has left an estimated 100,000 Prisoners of War held by both sides languishing in prison camps. Only a few hundred ailing and disabled POWs have been exchanged.

The peace talks have also bogged down in a dispute over the Shatt Al Arab waterway, the southern boundary between the two countries.

Baghdad insists there can be no advance in the peace process until Iran allows the waterway, Iraq's main outlet to the Gulf, to be reopened.

## Life for 16 times in bus attack

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Oct 30, (Reuters): An Israeli court today sentenced a Palestinian to jail for life 16 times for killing 16 Jews by forcing their bus from a highway into a ravine.

Abd Al Hadi Ghmeim pleaded guilty to all counts, including attempted murder of 24 other passengers.

Besides the life terms, to run concurrently, the Jerusalem court sentenced the attacker to 20 years' imprisonment on each of 24 charges of attempted murder.

Ghmeim's attack was the bloodiest incident of a 22-month-old Palestinian revolt against Israeli rule in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip and the worst attack inside the Jewish state in 11 years.

The 24-year-old Palestinian was aboard the bus travelling on highway Number One linking Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

As the vehicle neared the ravine, Ghmeim, shouting Allahu-Akbar (God is Great), seized the steering wheel and forced the vehicle over the edge.

The July attack sparked several days of protests by Jews who took to the streets storming Arab cars in anger at the government's inability to end the Palestinian uprising.

A Palestinian was killed when he was hit by a stone and lost control of his car in southern Israel.

As news of the attack spread, angry Israelis pulled several Arab off buses and beat them, Israeli radio reported.

Ghmeim, a resident of Nuseirat refugee camp in the Gaza Strip, blamed Israel's occupation of territories for the 16 deaths, saying he forced the bus into a ravine to get revenge for a friend injured by gunfire from Israeli troops.

The bus fell 30 metres (100 feet) and burst into flames.

In unrest in the territories today, the correspondent in Israel for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) was shot in the leg by an Israeli soldier, a network spokesman said.

To restore order to his life, he said, he decided to cut down his almost-daily meetings with local and visiting journalists to one weekly session.

Mahfouz has tried to continue personal routines. Every morning he walks across the same Nile River bridge into Cairo's bustling centre, where he spends about an hour at the same coffee shop sipping sugar-free coffee and reading Cairo newspapers.

His literary meetings on Fridays at a riverside restaurant downtown have not been disturbed, nor have his Thursday afternoon get-togethers with the old

## Tehran backs Lebanese Muslims

NICOSIA, Oct 30, (Reuters): Iran will back Lebanon's Muslims in opposing a peace plan sponsored by the Arab League aimed at ending 14 years of civil war in Lebanon, Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati said today.

Speaking on Tehran Radio after a two-day visit to Syria, Velayati said the plan was patently discriminatory because it gave Lebanon's majority Muslims only an equal share of seats in Parliament and cabinet with the Christians.

He said that after talks in Damascus with Islamic and nationalist Lebanese groups he concluded "they were, without exception, unhappy about results of the Taif meeting and were determined to resist it."

"We reassured them that the Islamic Republic of Iran stands by them and backs the just demand of Lebanon's Muslims and nationalists to abolish the sectarian system."

But Velayati made clear that Iran supported Syrian involvement in Lebanon.

"In fighting Zionism and Maronism, Syria will have the Islamic Republic of Iran by its side and the presence of Syrian troops in Lebanon is a defence of Muslim forces," Tehran Radio, monitored in Nicosia, quoted Velayati as saying.

Meanwhile, a senior Iranian Foreign Ministry official said in an interview published today that his government was trying to narrow differences with Syria over the peace plan approved by the Lebanese Parliament.

"We are in contact with Syrian officials to discuss the matter in order to adopt a more comprehensive stand," Ali Mohammad Besharati, deputy foreign minister, told Jomhuri Islami.

Besharati described the accord as one which endorses sectarian rule in Lebanon and reaffirms Maronite domination over the absolute Muslim majority.

The new power-sharing accord would divide seats in the expanded 108-seat Parliament between Muslims and Christians and would give more power to the prime minister, traditionally a Muslim.

Arab League secretary-general Chadi Klubi arrived in Damascus yesterday for talks on the peace plan.

Official said Klubi would meet Syrian President Hafez Al Assad and other leaders for discussions on the plan.

"The role played by Syria led by President Hafez Al Assad encourages me to continue to explore new horizons for promoting solidarity among our Arab countries, which will guarantee security for all our states," Klubi told reporters.

Christian Lebanese leader Gen. Michel Aoun convened an emergency meeting of his military cabinet in East Beirut yesterday, after he recently hinted he may dissolve Parliament to torpedo the Arab peace plan for Lebanon.

Meanwhile a conservative newspaper in East Beirut, Al Anwar, dubbed Aoun "general checkpoint," saying Parliament deputies were afraid to return to Beirut lest he hold them "hostage" to prevent their gathering to approve the peace plan and elect a new president.

Most of the deputies have not returned to Lebanon.

Aoun rejected the pact because it fails to include a timetable of withdrawal for Syria's 40,000 troops in Lebanon, and branded the Parliament deputies as traitors for approving it.

## Rebel forces take over Afghan town

KABUL, Oct 30, (AP): US-backed rebel forces have taken the hometown of Afghanistan's first communist ruler, routing an army detachment of thousands, a government source and witnesses said today.

A rebel blockade of Kabul's four highways continued, forcing food prices higher and sparking fears of shortages should the action continue.

Rebel rocketing of Kabul's airport also intensified. Soldiers reported that at least six rockets hit the facility in the early morning. Four people were killed and 14 wounded in Kabul, a government officer said.

A government source said officers fear that Muslim rebel groups have begun to unite in their fight against the Soviet-backed government.

Lack of unity has hurt the rebels, known as mujahadeen, in their attempt to oust the Kabul government after the Soviet troops ended a decade of military intervention in February.

The source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said rebel troops loyal to Ahmad Shah Massoud and Gulbuddin Hekmatyar had been co-ordinating the 10-day blockade on the

Salang highway north of Kabul. He said Massoud, a relatively liberal Muslim, had not previously united forces with the fundamentalist Hekmatyar.

Several mujahadeen forces also reportedly fought together to capture Sore Kalki, the hometown of Noor Mohammad Taraki, the founder of the ruling Democratic People's Party of Afghanistan and the nation's first communist ruler.

Thousands of rebels attacked the city earlier this week in the Maqour region of Ghazni province, according to the government source and two truck drivers who arrived from the region today.

By Friday, mujahadeen forces had routed the 3,000-strong government garrison, they said. The truck drivers reported 10 rebels killed and 80 wounded and said government casualties were unknown.

A rebel news agency in Pakistan said 19 wedding party guests were killed when government forces shelled a rebel-held area of western Afghanistan on Friday.

The insurgents' joint news agency, Midia, said yesterday that the shelling occurred near the Shindand air base in Farah province.

## Iraq traffic rules stiff

BAGHDAD, Oct 30, (AP): The government yesterday announced heavy penalties for drivers who violate traffic rules on the new cross-country highway, following a spate of accidents.

The 1.5 million-dinar (\$4.5 million) road links Iraq's western borders with Jordan and Syria, with the Gulf state of Kuwait on its southeastern border.

Iraqis who break the rules will be jailed for a yet-undetermined period and have their vehicles confiscated, according to a decree signed by President Saddam Hussein.

Foreign workers resident in Iraq who violate rules, including ignoring traffic lights or driving with broken headlights or back lights, will not be granted re-entry visas to return to the country.

A consortium of foreign companies already has completed three quarters of the 750-mile (1,200 km) highway.

The heavy punishments apparently were imposed to deter violators on the highway following reports of numerous traffic accidents with heavy casualties.

## Look before you marry

MANAMA, Oct 30, (UPI): A Saudi newspaper advised male readers today to ensure they got a good glimpse of their intended bride before the wedding ceremony, but admitted Islamic scholars were unsure which parts of the intended bride's anatomy they should be allowed to see.

"There is no disagreement among scholars that it is permissible for a man to look at the woman he intends to marry," the Jeddah-based daily Arab News advised a reader.

The newspaper said regulations in certain Islamic states which disapproved of a man seeing his intended wife before the wedding ceremony, "were more on account of the traditions of that particular society" than Islamic teachings.

"The traditions of any particular society cannot take precedence over Islamic rulings," it said.

But scholars differed on which parts of the anatomy a future bride could reveal.

"Some (Islamic scholars) suggest that he may look at her face and the lower part of her hands, while others say that he may look at her when she is in the normal dress she wears at home," the newspaper said.

"This means she may be without her headcover or may be wearing a knee-length dress," it said.

Before Oct 13, 1988, when Mahfouz's award was announced, his name already was revered by readers of Arabic. In a lifetime of writing novels and short

stories, he was credited with giving the narrative from respectability in a language where poetry had reigned.

But after the Nobel prize let the world know about Mahfouz, his life became a swirl of television talk shows, interviews, seminars and celebrations honouring his prize.

"This past year was all spent at meetings related to my Nobel prize. It was difficult," said Mahfouz, nearing 78 years old and in frail health. "I'm old, and have always been an introvert. I get very upset whenever I am invited somewhere, and so on."

To restore order to his life, he said, he decided to cut down his almost-daily meetings with local and visiting journalists to one weekly session.

Mahfouz has tried to continue personal routines. Every morning he walks across the same Nile River bridge into Cairo's bustling centre, where he spends about an hour at the same coffee shop sipping sugar-free coffee and reading Cairo newspapers.

His literary meetings on Fridays at a riverside restaurant downtown have not been disturbed, nor have his Thursday afternoon get-togethers with the old

gang; a poet, an actor and three other close friends.

While sitting in the Ali Baba cafe for his daily coffee break and chatting about the changes in the life of a Nobel laureate, Mahfouz inadvertently struck on similarities with his successor, the 73-year-old Spaniard Cela.

"Unfortunately, his works have not been translated yet (into Arabic)," Mahfouz said. "But I'm pleased to get acquainted with a new writer, to add him to my list. I hope he will be translated."

Cela formerly was known to the Spanish-speaking world and to a cadre of

literary specialists in Spanish literature, much as Mahfouz was to Arabs and Arabic scholars a year earlier. In the 12 months since Mahfouz won the Nobel prize, many of the novels have been translated — four recently in the United States alone — and a considerable number have been reissued.

Rising sales of books by Mahfouz and the \$390,000 prize have given the author's family financial security, he said. Mahfouz split the money from the prize into four equal parts, setting aside one part each for his wife, his daughters Fatma and Om Kalhoum and himself.

## Naguib Mahfouz the Nobel laureate wants to reduce media exposure

CAIRO, Oct 30, (AP): It's been a tiring year for Naguib Mahfouz since the 1988 Nobel prize in literature catapulted him from obscurity to international celebrity.

His advice to Camilo Jose Cela, this year's Nobel laureate who likewise was largely unknown before the Swedish Academy announced the winner of the literature prize on Oct 19, likely would be that the more attention he can avoid, the better.

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## Air navigation training offered at PAAET

### 54 specialised programmes

DIRECTOR of Air Communications and Navigation Centre at the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training, Jassem Al Zanki has stated that the centre presents several training programmes which serve all government, private and joint sectors.

The centre organises some special courses to prepare manpower at some authorities with the co-operation of the Training Planning and Co-ordination Department at the authority.

He said that a new committee will be formed to develop curricula and academic programmes to fulfill market developments.

Interviewed by a local daily, he stressed that centre graduates don't suffer from any problems in obtaining a job. Analysing students acceptance results at the centre, Zanki said that the centre has had increases in the number of students, and expressed the hope that the number of students joining the centre will increase during the coming years.

He indicated that the centre is on its way to a qualitative transformation in the level of programmes.

The centre is currently offering 54 training programmes in all specialities. Kuwaitis constitute 40 per cent of the staff at the centre, Zanki said.

## Performance review by experts at ministries

THE Civil Service Commission has reportedly set up three work-teams led by Kuwaiti experts for the purpose of reviewing short-term and performance upgrading of the five-year plan at all ministries and government agencies.

The assistant undersecretary for administrative development affairs Dr Nasser Jassem Al Sane has issued a decision forming these committees which would contain representatives from all government agencies concerned to undertake discussion of the programmes submitted by these agencies up to Nov 24.

The committees would hold meetings at the Planning Ministry's offices and would submit reports at the conclusion of their work to the assistant undersecretary for administrative development affairs Nasser Jassem Al Sane.

The committees would be headed by Dr Tareq Al Rayess, Dr Waleed Al Waheeb and Ali Al Shareeda.

### Authority

The Civil Service Commission has also approved in principle the establishment of a National Youth and Sports Authority, it was announced here today.

Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs and president of the Civil Service Commission Rashed Al Rashid told Kuna that a meeting of the commission yesterday took the step and made some recommendations for inclusion in the final draft plan.

The official indicated that proposal of setting up the said authority was top on the commission's agenda during yesterday's meeting.

The commission, he added, also discussed assistance to the All-Africa Muslims Committee in order to continue its humanitarian and charitable work and reviewed the committee's accomplishments in the field that had earned Kuwait a prestigious place among world nations.

Rashed said the commission was apprised of directives made by HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince and Premier to facilitate charitable work, adding the commission praised efforts exerted by the All-Africa Muslim Committee and underlined government co-operation with the committee to help in its noble task.



US envoy at Science Club

US Ambassador to Kuwait Nathaniel Howell visited the Science Club Sunday where he was received by the deputy chairman of the club Adnan Al Mir and other senior officials. Picture shows the envoy at the Mechanic Division.

### Friday Market

## Citizens commend upgrading in cleanliness and services

THE Friday Market is a very popular souq highly acclaimed for its simplicity, very reasonable prices, a broad array of goods and a 'bohemian manner' of display of artifacts expressing various forms of innovative fashion.

In the past, this market was totally unorganised with unlicensed hawkers vending their goods. However, since then, the market has changed and is now more presentable and attractive to shoppers. Stalls are now being rented to merchants on an official basis. The Ministry of Commerce and Industry in co-operation with Kuwait Municipality are to be commended for their endeavours to upgrade the services of this market.

A local daily toured the market to gain a first-hand impression of the level of services offered. Ahmad Al Mane, a Friday Market patron said that the old Friday Market was not organised due to a lack of censorship — particularly in the commercial matters. On prices, he said that merchants have taken cognisance of the drop in the actual earnings of the population at large and have turned to selling larger quantities at lower prices.

### Haggling

He said that the market has become particularly favourable due to the price difference between shops and the market. He said that an item which is sold at a local shop for KD 5 is available at KD 2 at the market and attributed this to the rents at stalls as not being as expensive compared with rents in commercial complexes and markets.

What is really exciting to the shopper is that he gets a bird's-eye view of all articles on display as opposed to entering a particular shop. An added attraction is that shoppers can indulge in the time-

honoured custom of "haggling" over prices. However, he said that the only problem shoppers experience at the Friday market is the lack of adequate parking facilities.

Mansoor Duaij Al Rkabi, another shopper did not support the saying that prices at the Friday market are cheap. He firmly believes that prices can still be reduced to suit all levels of shoppers. This is a reality, he said, because merchants at the market pay only symbolic rents, have absolutely no overheads and employees are paid a pittance.

Aref Boulis, a salesman at the Friday market, indicated that he pays a daily rent of KD 10 for his stall which he considers very high. He said that he sells stationery, but this commodity has very poor sales compared with other types of commodities such as clothes and electrical appliances. He proposed that stalls should be rented according to the type of goods sold.

Boulis said that he appreciated the organised efforts of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and Kuwait Municipality in giving the market a new look, particularly with regards to cleanliness and censoring merchants.

Sameer Ateya, a cassette salesman stated that stall rents are high and profits are negligible and hoped that rents would be decreased. He added that most cassette salesmen are further hampered in their activities by the continual censorship of the Ministry of Commerce which limits the sale of cassettes to KD1. He indicated that on several occasions he had been penalised by the Ministry of Information. He called on the Ministry of Interior to appoint security personnel to monitor the market to avoid incidents of theft.

## Civil ID a must for marriage and divorce

THE Chairman of the Kuwait Court of First Instance Chancellor Mohammad Abdul Al Hai Al Bannai has said that judicature is a public right for all people living on Kuwaiti soil, whether citizens, expatriates or non-Kuwaitis (stateless). However, the documentation of marriage or divorce procedures fall out of the purview of judicature, and consequently are subject to treatment in line with the general policy of the government where the presentation of the Civil ID card is an essential pre-requisite for processing transactions of this nature.

Speaking to a local daily, he said that the public right to judicature was constitutionally maintained and protected for all people seeking judicial directives.

Resorting to the judicial system is the means to utilise this right and submit claims for consideration and action by the judicial system, and certain people appearing before the court without Civil ID cards still have the right to fair judicial treatment, Bannai said.

Transactions processed under the judicial system could not overlook the need for personal identification of those involved, such as the documentation of marriage certificates and divorce papers, the official explained.

He urged all people who still have not applied for the Civil ID cards to make haste and do that, so that they can be able to have all their personal status transactions processed in line with the government policy and regulations.

## Face lift for fruit and veg market

THE director of the Food and Shop Licensing Department at Kuwait Municipality Youssef Al Maillam has said that a plan is currently on to rearrange the central vegetable and fruits markets in the country.

Speaking to a local daily, he said that the old arrangement which was enforced in July 1988 used the stalls systems, which had given rise to some negativities and necessitated a new round of effort to re-organise it, particularly to uproot a new unhealthy phenomenon of subletting stalls.

He said that under the proposed plan all existing negativities would be dealt with, and that the plan would be submitted to the Municipal Affairs Committee for endorsement prior to implementation.

He pointed out that the existing stalls system has given the chance to a bunch of traders who monopolised the stalls, and that the new scheme would sort this out.

Meanwhile, the general controller of central markets at the municipality Mohammad Al Mish'an has said that the problem of the existing stalls system at the Central Vegetables and Fruits market is being followed up with concern by the Minister of State for Municipal Affairs Mohammad Al Sayyid Abdul Mohsen Al Rifai and the acting director general Sheikh Sabah Jaber Al Ali.

He said that the minister had made field visits to personally inspect the existing negativities and projections for effective solutions had been developed,

## Kuwait could become financial centre: Bader

### More foreign investment foreseen

CHAIRMAN of Kuwait's Bank of Kuwait and Middle East (BKME) Ali Al Bader was quoted as saying that development opportunities during the next decade will encourage financial and investment institutions in Kuwait to direct their funds abroad to benefit from investment opportunities and the financing of international trade.

In an interview with a local daily, the official said that the next decade of the current century will witness an intensified trend towards development and investments particularly in the wake of structural changes occurring in the Eastern bloc.

The official said that the decade will witness concentration on development and infrastructure throughout the world particularly in the light of reduced military expenditure.

Bader was quoted as expecting that Japan, some South-East Asian countries, unified Europe after 1992, and North America will constitute stronger economic blocs in the international arena.

Locally, the Central Bank will continue playing its effective role towards organising banking activities particularly through the settlements programme, the official said.

### Obligations

Replying to a question, the official said that European unity in 1992 will impose new obligations on Arab banking institutions who would like to practice in European countries. Banking criterion suggested by these countries will hinder the ability of Kuwaiti banking institutions in dealing with European finan-

cial institutions. He clarified that the expected situation in Europe will oblige local banks to enable their capital to effectively deal with the European Economic Community.

Such challenges require more co-ordination among Gulf banks to improve their financial position to face the future challenges of Europe, he said.

Speaking of his conceptions of the Kuwaiti monetary and banking strategy, Bader said that the financial industry will constitute the pillar of Kuwaiti economic development. He clarified that Kuwait's huge financial resources will constitute a major source for the community's financial needs during the coming years. He added that irrespective of financial investments belonging to the government or the private sector, foreign investments will increase particularly in the absence of local investment opportunities.

Developing Kuwaiti financial institutions will constitute the major option towards transforming Kuwait into an advanced and recognised financial market. This will represent a basic feeder and lead in the national development process and impose a new obligation on financial institutions towards developing its cadre and technical staff.

On the required role to be played by the Union of Arab Banks (UAB) and the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) towards dealing with the European Economic Community in its new shape, the official said that the GCC countries should counter the new financial

classification as these were unjustified.

These classifications were based on mistaken financial considerations the official said and added that the GCC and UAB are requested to play the necessary role towards projecting the financial and economic importance of the region and the durability of its assets and financial standing.

### Policy

Speaking of the position of Kuwaiti banks, the official said that local banks had suffered during the 1980s, but the local banks will be capable of facing the future and will successfully surmount the adverse effects of the 1980s. This will be achieved by the provision of dynamic administration and an advanced financial policy coinciding with an official intelligent and effective policy for organising and developing the banking apparatus.

Replying to a question over the Kuwaitisation process in local banks, the official said that banking requires qualified and technically experienced staff in addition to continued training. He clarified that local banks since the 1970s had played their role in preparing and qualifying national cadres particularly through the Banking Studies Institute to realise vital economic objectives.

He disclosed that the local banks had realised considerable progress recently in the Kuwaitisation process. About 20 per cent of employees are Kuwaitis and this percentage represents a tangible increase compared to the beginning of 1980s the official said.

## Private organisations meet in Cairo

CAIRO tomorrow hosts a conference for Arab Private Organisations which will stress the important role of private organisations in the national development process.

The three-day conference will be held in response to a proposal by the Arab Gulf programme for supporting UN Development Organisations led by Prince Talal Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud. A total of 350 participants representing 10 different agencies will attend the conference.

Discussion at the conference would deal with the possibility of setting up an Arab federation to co-ordinate and represent the Arab private organisations at the regional and international level, diagnosing the existing situation of Arab private organisations with special emphasis on their historical progression, tasks, roles, capabilities, performance and future plans, documenting and promoting co-ordination and co-operation relations between these organisations and the Arab and international financing agencies.

Other topics to be discussed at the conference include pioneering successful development projects undertaken by such private organisations in order to demonstrate and study the factors involved in guaranteeing success of these projects and introduce examples to the Arab Public Opinion.

The papers to be tackled at the conference are divided into four main axes, one historical covering the history of private labour in the Arab world, the Arab peninsula and in Egypt and the Sudan, the second centres on the realities or organisations and private labour establishments and their specific role in relation to the Palestine question, the Lebanese crisis and the Sudanese situation, the third exploring the existing relations of these organisations with their international counterparts, and the fourth covering the future of these organisations and their role in consolidating Arab national development and exploring ways of feasible co-ordination methods to step up productivity.

## Special education for handicapped

WITHIN the framework by which the State of Kuwait ensures the right of education to every citizen, it also pays special concern to handicapped children, Mohammed Al Humaidi, director of the special education department at the Ministry of Education said.

Such education provided to the handicapped is designed to equip them with skills in their future life and accordingly, the state has established institutions of special education.

Admission to these schools is based on pre-set criteria. These schools admit Kuwaiti children and children of military staff,

teachers and engineers as well as children of Kuwaiti women who are married to non-Kuwaitis and GCC citizens and Yemeni children. In some exceptional circumstances, the schools do admit some non-Kuwaiti students.

The number of students studying in these schools during the year 1988/1989 totalled 1890 of whom 987 were Kuwaitis and 903 were non-Kuwaitis.

Humaidi pointed out that schools of special education are considered as pioneer schools in the Arab arena and the state offers free text books, uniforms, breakfast and lunch, including

transportation. The pupils in the qualifying stages get KD20 a month as pocket money and KD17 a month is paid to those pupils who are on scholarship.

Meanwhile, the director-general of Kuwait Public Authority for Applied Education and Training Dr Abdurrahman Al Muhallan has pledged to solve the problem facing girl students in the authority's hostel.

In an interview with a local daily, Muhallan said that he will visit the hostel shortly so as to familiarise himself with the said problems and recommend appropriate solutions.

He added that the authority

contemplates constructing another hostel for girl students, which will be provided with all the necessary facilities.

Meanwhile, the daily reported that there are 45 girls students in the authority's hostel most of whom are from the Arab Gulf countries and some others are from Fallaka Island.

In an interview with the daily the students complained that there was only one telephone in the hostel and this is insufficient to meet the requirements of 45 students and supervisors. Some of these students complained of the maltreatment by supervisors describing it as prejudice.

## Addan hospital serves about 388,000 people

ADDAN Hospital, built in 1982 was designed to accommodate 250,000 but presently caters to about 388,000 people in the Addan Health Area, according to Dr Adnan Al Eidan, deputy director of the hospital.

The authorities have granted permission to the hospital to increase the capacity of beds by another 150 and this should be sufficient to serve people of the area, the official said.

He added that the hospital covers the needs of citizens for all medical majors and specialisations. The hospital's specialised clinics received 23,960 people during the last three months. Additionally, there are specialised clinics at Fahad and Rigga Health Centres.

Excellent medical cadres are available in all specialised clinics of the

hospital and case studies are discussed by groups of specialists at regular meetings.

Eidan disclosed that the hospital has been witnessing an increase in patients brought in after road accidents. The large number of intensive care units at the hospital are occupied because of the increase of road accidents and the close proximity of the hospital to the motorway.

The administrative staff of the hospital forms 37.7 per cent of the total staff of the hospital which is considered a reasonable percentage.

There are 266 doctors, 584 nurses, 24 pharmacists, 162 technicians and 611 administrative workers in the hospital, Eidan said and added that there are many Kuwaiti doctors.

## Law and computer conference to review advancement

THE chairman of the organising committee for the First Law and Computer Conference, Dr Teama Al Shemari stated that it is intended to review laws and latest scientific advancements witnessed by the world.

He indicated that the conference which will resume work Nov 4, 1989 under the patronage of HH the Crown Prince will put emphasis on studies relating to law and computers which are used on a wide scale at official and private establishments.

In a press conference held Sunday, Shemari added that the conference will play a role in attracting the attention of Kuwaiti law makers towards resolving some legal problems for computer applications. He pointed out that some computer problems have recently surfaced.

The conference which is being held in an Arab state for the first time and will include several important issues on the civil protection of computer programmes

and protecting the private life of individuals, in addition to legal protection of savings at financial establishments.

He indicated that the conference has approved Arabic, English and French as official language during its holding. The Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Science has taken over the expenses of organising the conference in order to benefit from it in organising a law for computers.

He announced that the Law College at

Kuwait University is currently studying the project of entering a computer system to organise and classify judicial laws. The new system aims at giving students at the college a more accurate and faster method in retrieving these laws.

He indicated that the new system will be implemented soon. He expressed the willingness of the college to fully co-operate with the Ministry of Justice and Legal Affairs to implement this project.

## Police file

### Two missing

TWO Kuwaiti youth identified as Rashed Ahmad and Ahmad Awad have been reported missing after going fishing last Saturday.

A local daily said that Saudi coast guards had found their 22-ft cruiser with a mobile telephone off the Saudi shores in intact condition. The boat was handed over to the Saudi naval base.

A naval search assisted by aircraft has been launched to locate the two missing youth, a local daily said.

### Hashish dealer

DETECTIVES of the Capital Governorate apprehended a suspect identified as Ali G., Kuwaiti on a charge of dealing with hashish and heroin in addition to alcohol.

The defendant and the contraband were referred to the authorities for further investigations.

### Arms trader

DETECTIVES of Ahmadi Governorate arrested a man for trading in unlicensed arms and ammunition in addition to possessing liquor, the Public Relations Department of Interior Ministry reported.

It added that the culprit identified as Saad K., Kuwaiti, was caught red-handed while selling two machine-guns and 160 bullets.

On searching his car six magazines for the machine-guns were found and upon searching his residence 17 bottles of whiskey were found.

It added that the defendant and the contraband have been referred to authorities for further investigation.

### Accidents

TWO persons died and four were injured in 16 traffic accidents yesterday in the country, according to Interior Ministry's Public Relations Department.

One accident occurred in the Capital, three in Hawalli, six in Al Ahmadi and six in Al Jahra.

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# University renovation largest project: Othman

## Contract includes new buildings

THE Kuwait University project, presently in the executive stage after extensive studies is the largest project that will be carried out in Kuwait, Talal Al Othman, director of special projects department at the Ministry of Public Works, said.

The project consists of five distinctive sites: Khaldiya, Shuwaikha, Jabriya, Kaifan and Udaibiya areas. The strategy of the project is based on two basic missions: the first is to maintain and renew present buildings of the faculties and administration by renewing and maintaining their

fronts and internal sides. The second is to build new buildings and utilities in these sites such as libraries, administration buildings and utilities of engineering faculty. It will also include a geological lab and cafeterias in Khaldiya.

### Completion

A big library will be built in Shuwaikha campus besides a conference hall, computer centre, engineering sciences faculty, faculty of administrative studies, a covered stadium and central kitchen. A new faculty

for health sciences, pharmacology and dentistry will be added to the campus in the Jabriya area.

Othman pointed out that the project of the Amiri Diwan and Council of Ministers will be completed at the end of 1992. Final designs are now being completed. The second stage of Bayan Palace project has begun and is expected to be completed in September 1991. All these contracts have been signed with local consultative offices and the department has contracted with

consultants to carry out the landscaping projects during the last five years.

The department is responsible for over 40 projects of a special nature. These are the Bayan Palace (first stage) and car parking project No. 109 at Khaldiya Area — Kuwait University. Additionally, the department has some future projects to be executed such as the premises of the Ministry of Public Works, premises of MEW premises of the National Computer and Microfilm Centre and a new premises for Auditing Bureau, Othman said.



Turkish-Bulgarian talks

Deputy Premier of Bulgaria Georgi Yordanov (third left) and Turkish Foreign Minister Mesut Yilmaz (right) speak to journalists after holding talks. Looking on are Kuwaiti Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed (left), Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Saoud Al Osaimi and Turkey's ambassador to Kuwait Guner Oztek.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Amir receives

KUWAIT, Oct 30, (Kuna): His Highness the Amir today received Minister of Interior Sheikh Salem Al Sabah who presented to HH police officers Mohamed Ahmed Abdul Rahman Al Gabandi and Abdul Aziz Ismail Juma Al Yassin on the occasion of their promotion to the rank of major-general.

### Premier receives

KUWAIT, Oct 30, (Kuna): His Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah received at his diwan in Bayan Palace today Minister of the Amiri Diwan Affairs Sheikh Khaled Al Ahmed Al Jaber, and Minister of Interior Sheikh Salem Al Sabah who was accompanied by the Assistant Undersecretary for Police Affairs Major-General Mohammed Ahmed Al Gabandi and the Assistant Undersecretary for Public Security Affairs Major-General Abdul Aziz Ismail Juma on the occasion of their promotion to the rank of major-general.

His Highness also received Minister of Social Affairs and Labour and acting Information Minister Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed, member of the Higher Housing Council Hamed Abdul Salam Shuaib and member of the higher council for governorates Barrak Al Noun.

His Highness also received a number of citizens at the public diwan.

### Charity cable

KUWAIT, Oct 30, (Kuna): HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah today received a cable from chairman of the World Islamic Charitable Foundation Youssef Jassem Al Hajji on the occasion of convocation of the foundation's third general meeting in Kuwait.

Hajji thanked Sheikh Saad and the government of Kuwait for the constant support provided to the foundation in performing its charity task.

### Housing meeting

KUWAIT, Oct 30, (Kuna): Secretary of the Higher Housing Council Dr Ibrahim Majed Al Shahin announced today that the council will hold a meeting next Wednesday headed by His Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah.

Dr Shahin told Kuna that the council meeting will discuss topics on agenda, in addition to the areas of land required for the next five year plan 1990-1995.

He added that the council will also discuss the possibility of reducing the period required for citizens to receive housing which would be one of the top priorities in the next plan.

### Loan review

ASSISTANT General Director of the Credit and Saving Bank, Hamed Al Nkhilan stressed today that the bank will complete review and categorising of old loans. He indicated that several changes and modifications have been added and will be conducted on the old loans charter. The process will involve undertaking a comprehensive review of the old charter without interference with the official bank strategy.

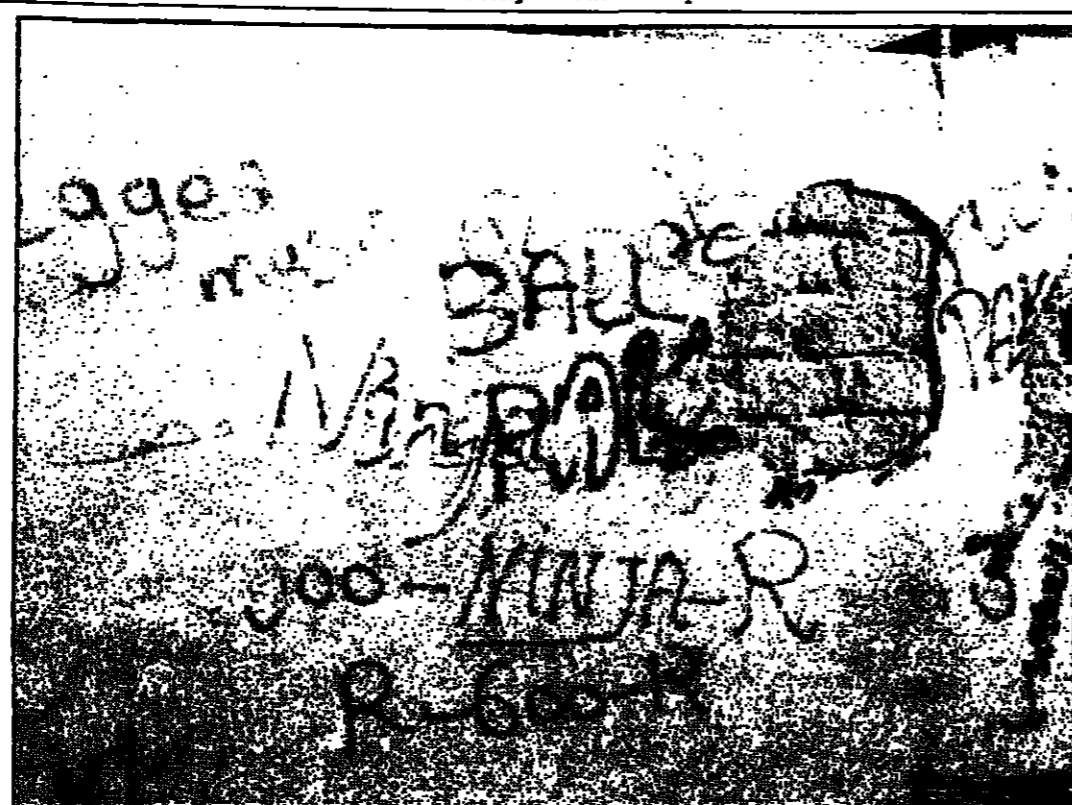
Nkhilan added that special future ideas and studies which have been conducted with the National Housing Authority in many construction and real estate matter will be implemented soon.

### Information courses

DIRECTOR of the Community Service and Continuous Education Department at the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training, Ghoum Al Attar said that the authority will introduce journalism and information programmes in the current academic semester. He pointed out that the number of students at the department has increased ten-fold compared to the number of students in 84-85.

### Mubarak city

CAIRO, Oct 30, (Reuters): Kuwaiti Amir Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah donated two million dollars for the construction of a city for scientific research in Egypt named after President Hosni Mubarak, local newspapers reported.



The writing is on the wall.

# Graffiti is amoral, say educationists

## Display of erroneous childhood

By Qasem Nayeri

SEYASSAH has interviewed a number of people to learn of their views on the common phenomenon of smearing public walls with personal writings and inscriptions, technically known as graffiti.

Dr Jassem Al Kandari described graffiti as an amoral act and held parents responsible for this sort of public vandalism. The official queried as to what is to be expected from a university student attempting to communicate with others through writing on walls of campus toilets.

With relation to the responsibility of parents in this respect Kandari said that housemaids are put in charge of rearing children in the absence of working mothers at work, the vast amount of leisure time has been significantly cited as a cause for escalating this phenomenon.

He stressed that the family is foremost in its effort to educate their children and instill a sense of public behaviour patterns.

**Behaviour patterns**  
Dr Ahmad Al Bistan, a professor at the College of Education, Kuwait University, has said that the practice of graffiti denoted an aggressive pattern of behaviour attributed to the failure by students to express the state of depression, dependency, insecurity or dissatisfaction in which they may happen to be. He

emphasised on the important role of family co-operation with the school to rectify these abnormal patterns.

He pointed out that the development of this negative tendency signified a lack of self-trust, inability to work out problems and failure to fit in socially, which would subconsciously drive the student to devise ways of self-expression, of which graffiti is one.

He stressed the need to nurse a sense of responsibility in children at a very early age, to avoid any potential development of such irresponsible patterns.

Dr Abdul Aziz Al Ghanim, a professor at the Educational Management College said that the phenomenon had psychological undertones and presupposed a deep psychosociological study. But, the basic cause of this tendency was a feeling of nonchalance and indifference which would usually begin to take shape during adolescence supported by the social underpinnings which find expression in this form of public vandalism.

**Control**  
He also blamed leisure time for the development of such irresponsible behavioural patterns, and the lack of parental control caused by the absence of both parents at work, leaving the children in the maid's custody.

Only through stepping up co-ordination and co-operation between school and home would it be possible to bring this phenomenon under control before it got out of hand, he said.

Ghanim said that Kuwaiti youths are still empowered by selfishness and personal interests at the expense of public interest. This could have been the result of erroneous early childhood patterns of family control where children were not watched over or shown by their parents where to practice painting, colouring or writing and some would even encourage such negative attitudes as the maids, again are ever present to wipe off their crazy doodles.

**Values**  
He called for reconsideration of the existing curricular programme, where more emphasis could be laid on nursing good values and rectifying twisted social behaviour, while lifting the banner of 'Cleanliness is next to Godliness' high. The media could play a significant role in this respect by publishing articles intended to raise public awareness promote national responsibility.

Teenage years are a very delicate stage where strict control and watch must be exercised over youth, with close co-ordination between school and home, the official said.

## Governorate councils to compete in services

FARWANIYA Governor, Sheikh Ahmad Al Hmoud stressed that choosing members of the governorate council is in accordance with residents requirements. He indicated that members will work jointly to compete with the other governorates in all services.

Sheikh Hmoud added that he will transfer to the governorate building located in Ardhya as of the next year. He stressed that the council will develop Farwaniya Governorate and will present the maximum services to residents according to a special plan.

Combating indiscipline, disorder and theft requires time and co-operation from parents, the official said. He pointed out that the number of police patrols increased upon directives from the interior minister and request of residents. The interior minister has promised to increase the number of policemen at the governorate in the shortest time possible.

The governor expressed willingness to receive any complaints from residents and to answer all inquiries adding that security complaints are kept confidential. Regarding the bad odours coming out of Ardhya sewage station, Sheikh Hmoud disclosed that he had received a special report on this issue from a member of experts and Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research.

He added that a part of the problem has been eliminated and the remainder will be resolved in due time. He indicated that there are no intentions to remove the Surra bridge for the time being. Governorate plans include the establishing of a slaughter house, a supermarket, and a wedding hall, Sheikh Hmoud said.

## No pre-selling at Bourse

THE administration of Kuwait Stock Exchange Market has decided to discontinue permitting the forward sales system. This system was originally intended to be permitted by the end of this year, a local daily reported.

The daily disclosed that the administration had evolved a new system governing forward sales. This system has been scrutinised by a number of intermediaries and dealers and their feedback, both critical and constructive are being collected as a prelude to formulating the final formula on which the dealing process will be regulated.

### Quake call

KUWAIT, Oct 30, (Kuna): His Highness the Amir yesterday reached by phone Algerian President Chadli Benjedid to enquire over damage caused by the Algiers' earthquake.

The Algerian President, for his part, has assured HH that there has been no great damage.

## Call to promote national exports

# IBK charter focuses on promoting industry

THE chairman and the managing director of Kuwait Industrial Bank (IBK), Saleh Al Yusuf was quoted as saying that since its establishment in 1974 and until 1988 the bank has financed about 382 projects at a total cost of about KD579 million.

In an interview with a local daily, the official said that the bank's financial contribution represented 51 per cent of the investment cost of these projects.

He added that the loans had been extended under concessional conditions in addition to the granting to borrowers the necessary periods of grace for settlements of these loans.

He clarified that these loans covered all industrial activities. About 26 per cent of the bank's loans had been extended to building materials industries, 16 per cent for foodstuff and chemical industries while the remaining were being extended to finance the marine service sector, minerals, paper and spinning industries.

### Projects

The charter of IBK focuses on promoting industrial projects and the bank's contribution in this field amounted to KD14.5 million. The bank extends to its borrowers consultancy services in the administrative, financial and technical fields.

Over establishing new industrial areas, the official said that this issue was subject to several economic and environmental considerations, including the layouts and planning of residential apartments.

The official said that establishing new industrial areas require the provision of a number of new industrial projects and disclosed that the government will not hesitate to establish new industrial areas when the need arises.

This issue mainly depends on the industrial

programmes to be adopted during the next forthcoming plan.

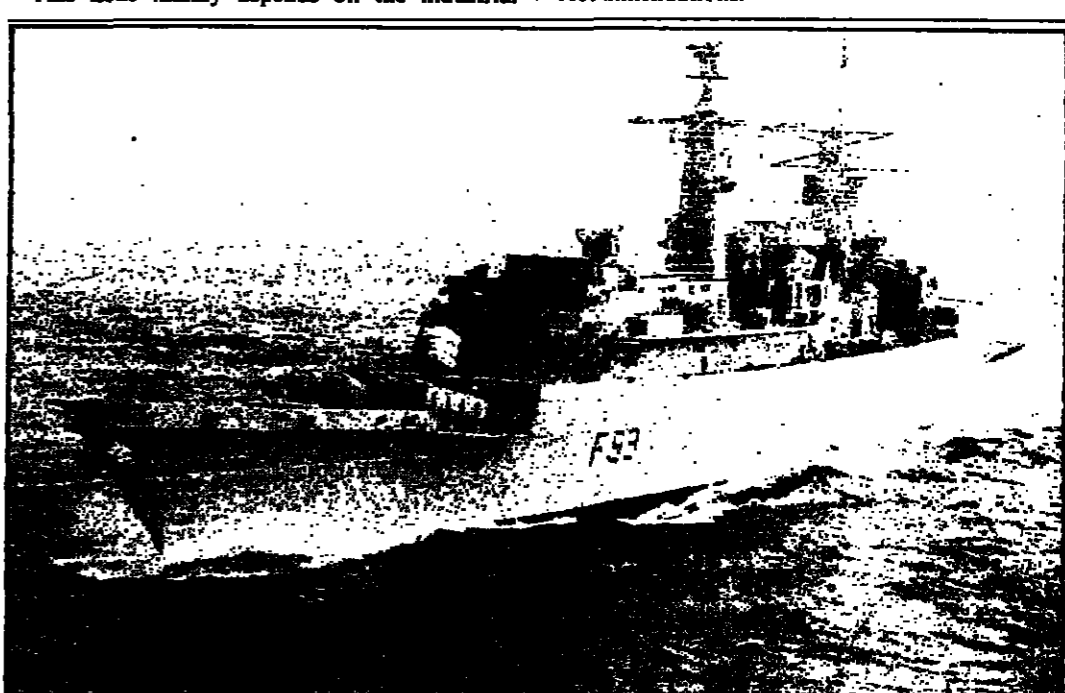
Speaking of the free zone, the official said that establishing of the area is still subject to different criterion. However, he said that the commercial free zone constituted a form of economic co-operation among a community of countries that decided to cancel inter-commercial barriers.

**Free zone**  
Meanwhile, the official said that establishing of an Industrial Free Zone in Kuwait will boost the industrial sector and attract foreign capital as well as know-how. He added that the success of the Industrial Free Zone project will depend mainly on removing of barriers among relevant countries and enhancing of the necessary facilities to be extended to industrialists and investors.

Yusuf called for encouraging of the local exports and in this context called for the establishing of a fund to supporting national exports. He clarified that the idea was suggested by the Economic Movement Reactivating Committee.

**Priority**  
If this suggestion is accepted by the government, IBK would be empowered to undertake the task, Yusuf said.

Speaking of the decisions which called for giving priority to national industries for the necessary procurements, the official said that the implementation of the relevant decisions either for procuring of government tenders requires that all the authorities concerned should shoulder the responsibility for encouraging national output. He called on these authorities to carry out the relevant decisions and recommendations.



UK frigate arrives

Royal Navy frigate HMS Beaver, one of the most modern ships in the British fleet, arrives in Kuwait today on a six-day visit, the first one to the Gulf state by a British warship for many years.

The frigate, commanded by Captain Anthony Morton, recently joined the Royal Navy's Armilla Patrol which operates in Gulf waters with a mission to protect freedom of navigation in international waters.

## Only heads of families for Civil ID

AN official source at the Public Authority for Civil Information announced that the authority will not approve any petitions nor receive any civil identification cards unless presented by a family head or the owner of the petition.

In a statement made to Kuwait News Agency, a source at the authority indicated that the decision was made to ensure the security of civil registration measurements and the safety of data required for a change in the civil information system. He added that such a decision was made after an advertisement published by one of the specialised companies in local dailies last Saturday stated that the company carries out follow up and completion of

petitions for individuals, including petitions of the Civil Identification card.

A person may authorise another person to complete his petitions at the authority with only an official and private authorisation issued and certified by the Kuwaiti Ministry of Justice. The source added that the authority will deal with any persons or establishments claiming to be representing a specific individual.

The source warned residents and citizens against being misled by such advertisements, particularly that the authority will not be responsible for those dealing with such establishments.

## Saudi defence

RIYADH, Oct 30, (Kuna): A civil defence delegation from Sweden met here today with director-general of the civil defence in Saudi Arabia General Hashim Abdulrahman.

Welcoming the Swedish guests, Gen. Hashim praised the constructive co-operation existing between civil defence in the two countries, the Saudi Press Agency, SPA, reported.

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## EDITORIALS

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## Thought for today

DEMOCRACY is the last refuge of cheap misgovernment — George Bernard Shaw, Irish-born playwright (1856-1950).

## Jordan elections

## Palestinians in two minds

PALESTINIANS in Jordan are in two minds about the national parliamentary election on Nov 8, the first since Israel seized the West Bank in 1967.

The new 80-seat house will have no West Bank representation, in line with King Hussein's decision to sever ties with the area in July 1988 after 37 years of unity.

The King dissolved the previous lower house, in which West Bank deputies held half the seats, just before links were cut. The King nominates the members of the upper house.

Some Palestinians are hesitant to vote in what they consider a purely Jordanian affair. Others see no contradiction between participation and their national aspirations.

"The elections force an awkward choice we always try to avoid," said Palestinian publisher Rami Khouri. "My legal identity is Jordanian, my political identity is Palestinian."

Khouri, who does not plan to vote, said parliament for him was the Palestine National Council (PNC), the Palestinian parliament-in-exile. Ibrahim Abu Ayyash, a businessman and PNC member, has no such qualms, saying Palestinians should work within the system.

## Status

"I will vote," he said. "This stems from my understanding of the disenfranchisement that it should not affect the legal status of Jordanian citizens (of Palestinian origin)."

Some Palestinians say measures that accompanied the disenfranchisement, such as stripping West Bankers of their Jordanian citizenship, made them feel like second-class citizens.

They — and many Jordanians — argue that the election law favours the mainly tribal countryside over the cities and deliberately seeks to minimise Palestinian voting influence.

Some 650 candidates are standing in the election. Political parties have been banned in Jordan since 1957, and candidates of all persuasions must officially stand as independents.

Few people expect the election to produce more than 20 Palestinian deputies, but Abu Ayyash is undismayed.

"I am campaigning to encourage people to choose good representatives, whether of Jordanian or Palestinian origin. We need to start something rolling here," he said.

## Aloof

Political science professor Kamel Abu Jaber, an East Banker, said some Palestinians were staying aloof because they feared that voting would somehow make their exile status permanent.

"They don't want to give [Israeli hardliner Ariel] Sharon evidence that Jordan is Palestine, but whatever the reason I would prefer them to behave as if this were their country."

"The future of Jordan is intimately tied with the Palestinians. The election is their affair too," he said.

Palestinians make up anything between two and three fifths of the population of three million — the exact proportion is a political hot potato and no comprehensive figures are available.

They live mainly in the cities of Amman, Zarqa and Irbid. About 900,000 are refugees registered with the UN Relief and Work Agency (UNRWA) and 218,000 of them are in built-up camps.

Some former West Bank deputies, such as Taher Al Masri of Nablus, Carlos Dhimis of Bethlehem and Wahid Al Ja'bari of Hebron, are now running for East Bank seats.

## Oppose

They opposed the disenfranchisement at the time, but now say it enhanced the PLO's status and undermined Israeli rightwingers advocating Jordan as an alternative Palestinian homeland.

Like many of the election banners floating over the streets, theirs appeal to Palestinian and Arab nationalist sentiment.

"No to the alternative homeland," reads one. "All Arabs are Palestinians when liberation comes. The East and West (Banks) of the river are inseparable," declares another.

Officially the PLO is neutral in the campaign.

The PLO's biggest group, Fatah, has not tried to organise Palestinian voters, but the radical Democratic Front and Popular Front factions are active through affiliated Jordanian parties.

Mansour Safieddin Murad, a 39-year-old Jordanian running for one of the seats reserved for the Circassian minority, is parading his guerrilla past with the PLO to win votes.

Although political parties are formally banned, the government has not stopped groups such as Communists, Baathists and Muslim militants from fielding candidates and campaigning openly.

As 'ad Abdul-Rahman, a political science professor and PLO Central Committee member, said many Palestinians were waiting to see if Jordan sustained its step towards greater democracy.

"If this election proves real, Palestinians would certainly be more active in the next one," he said.

(Jordan — Reuters).

## TODAY IN HISTORY

1517 — Martin Luther nails 95 theses at Wittenberg Palace Church, marking beginning of the Reformation in Germany.

1731 — Expulsion of Protestants from Salzburg, Austria, begins.

1848 — Austria's Prince Alfred Windischgratz takes Vienna.

1918 — Hungarian Premier Count Tisza is assassinated.

1925 — Reza Khan usurps Persian throne; Greek Army invades Bulgaria.

1932 — Eleutherios Venizelos, Greek premier, resigns.

1956 — British and French bomb Egyptian airfields in Suez war.

1961 — Cloud of radioactive debris moves across central Siberia after Soviets explode what is called biggest man-made nuclear bomb.

1962 — India's defence Minister Krishna Menon resigns; UN General Assembly asks Britain to suspend enforcement of new constitution in Southern Rhodesia.

1963 — Britain suspends aid to Indonesia.

1967 — Lieutenant General Nguyen Van Thieu takes oath of office as first president of South Vietnam's second republic.

1973 — United States ends world-wide military alert that was called during hostilities in Middle East.

1983 — Death toll increases to more than 1,100 in earthquake that ravaged eastern Turkey on previous day.

1984 — India's Prime Minister Indira Gandhi is shot and mortally wounded as she leaves home, and Sikh extremists claim responsibility.

1986 — US Secretary of State George Shultz accuses Soviet Union of what he calls brutal and profoundly repressive treatment of its people.

1987 — Iran says it is ready to co-operate on implementing UN Security Council's Gulf war ceasefire resolution.

1988 — Former Philippines first lady Imelda Marcos pleads innocent in New York to racketeering charges.

## Gonzalez changes face of Spain

## Economic boom at home, influence abroad

SOCIALIST Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez, who won a third term in a cliffhanger election, changed the face of Spain during his first seven years in power.

Striving to turn it into an advanced, stable country rivaling its European Economic Community partners, he led it into an unprecedented economic boom, extended its influence abroad and launched wide-ranging plans to modernise outdated infrastructures.

"Spain can make it... it has got its best opportunity since the 19th century," he said.

Spain, he said, could double its gross national product between 1985 and the end of the century. The boom led to a yawning wealth gap, with the new rich's conspicuous spending contrasting starkly with pockets of poverty.

His economic policies, based on the belief that the cake had to grow before bigger slices could be served, came under fire from trade unions which in December, 1988, called the first general strike in 50 years.

Gonzalez typified a generation of politicians born after the 1936-39 civil war whose moderation eased the peaceful transition from the rightist dictatorship of General Francisco Franco to parliamentary democracy under King Juan Carlos.

When Franco died in 1975, Gonzalez was a little-known figure in the clandestine opposition. Seven years later, at the age of 40, he was the country's first post-Franco Socialist prime minister.

He led his Spanish Socialist Workers Party (PSOE) to power in 1982 in an overwhelming election victory. He was returned in 1986 with reduced support.

Gonzalez' 1982 landslide election, his firmness in dealing with the military and expensive modernisation of the armed forces laid to rest the threat of a coup that had hung over Spain since Franco's death.

In a turnaround that alienated part of the left, he dropped his earlier opposition to entry into Nato and in a 1986 referendum pushed through continued membership while keeping Spain nuclear-free and out of the alliance's military structure.

The United States reluctantly agreed to close down a major airbase at Torrejon near Madrid.

Cutbacks in money-losing state industries prepared Spain for the shock of open competition within European Economic Community, which it joined in 1986.

Monetarist policies cut inflation and fuelled growth, but pushed unemployment to a peak of



Felipe Gonzalez: change

nearly 22 per cent before it started coming down slowly, holding above 16 per cent in 1989.

Gonzalez travelled abroad extensively, promoting the image of a dynamic democracy emerging from the shadow of a 40-year dictatorship. He sought markets in Europe, Latin America and the Middle East and in regions such as Africa and the Far East where Spain had traditionally been absent.

Barcelona was chosen to host Spain's first Olympic Games, in 1992, when Seville holds a world fair to mark the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus' discovery of America and Madrid is

named cultural capital of Europe.

Bloody attacks by Basque separatists gradually decreased in a combined police crackdown in Spain and France. But peace talks with ETA (Basque Homeland and Freedom) failed in 1989.

Felipe Gonzalez Marquez was born on March 5, 1942, in Seville, the son of an owner of a small dairy farm. Educated at primary school by priests, he read law at Seville University and economics at Louvain, Belgium.

He returned home to make a name for himself by setting up the first labour lawyers' office in Seville and successfully defending the rights of workers.

Drawn into politics with his friend Alfonso Guerra, now deputy prime minister, Gonzalez joined the PSOE in 1964. They helped rebuild the century-old party that had been driven underground and decimated by civil war, persecution and exile.

By 1970, under the nom de guerre of Isidoro, he joined the party's executive committee and was widely regarded as its future leader.

With a firm base in the Spanish underground, he challenged the old guard in exile and wrested the leadership from the civil war generation at a congress in Suresnes near Paris in 1974.

Within two years, the PSOE was restored to legality and emerged as the main opposition party.

Much of the success was attributed to the man millions had come to know as "Felipe". He cut a dash with the generation brought up under the stern, colourless Franco administrators with his relaxed political style, long hair, checked shirts, and corduroy jackets.

But the Socialists failed to win the second post-Franco election in 1979. Analysts said voters were frightened by an eve-of-the-poll warning by Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez against the PSOE's Marxist origins.

Gonzalez resigned after failing to get hardliners to drop the party's adherence to Marxism. He got his way five months later and the new, moderate image clinched the 1982 elections.

His rise to power was also aided by friends abroad, particularly in the Socialist International where he came under the influence and protection of statesmen like Willy Brandt of West Germany and Bruno Kreisky of Austria.

Gonzalez is married to Carmen Romero, a teacher. They have two sons and a daughter. His hobbies are reading and gardening. (Madrid — Reuters)

## Boundaries of power redrawn

## Lebanon keeps sectarian political map

LEBANON'S latest peace plan, widely seen as the most hopeful in 14-years of ruinous civil war, is an awkward compromise, redrawing the boundaries of power without scrapping the sectarian political map.

It is threatened by those unwilling to lose power, and by those who feel they would gain more from fundamental change.

But from Christian hardliners to pro-Iranian Muslim fundamentalists, Lebanese factions are under heavy pressure from public opinion, Arab leaders and foreign powers to push it through and hope for the best.

"It was not an ideal accord. It was not what the Christians, the Sunnis, the Druze or the Shi'ites really wanted," says an independent analyst.

"The Maronites did not want to lose their privileges but half a loss is better than a total loss."

The first big test will come between now and Nov 7.

Lebanon and the outside world will be waiting to see whether a ceasefire now five weeks old can last long enough for the parliamentary relics of pre-war days to ratify the accord and elect a president after an interregnum of more than a year.

Even that would be a long road ahead for the plan's ultimate objective — rebirth of the unified state which collapsed in 1975 into a nightmare of sectarian slaughter, private armies, warlord rule, and foreign intervention.

The plan was agreed this month by surviving members of a parliament elected in 1972.

They had to travel to the Saudi Arabian hill

resort of Ta'if for the first concerted attempt they had ever mustered to tackle issues underlying the war.

After three weeks of talks they produced only minor changes to a ready-made plan presented by Arab mediators.

The shillest opposition has come from Major-General Michel Aoun, who heads an interim government in the Christian enclave.

He has not accepted that Syrian troops, who control two-thirds of the country, should remain at least another two years, overseeing the proposed reduction of Christian power.

Aoun commands the strongest section of the regular Army and has support from thousands of hero-worshipping young Christians.

But after thunderous artillery battles that followed his open challenge to Syria in March, Aoun has lost the backing of major Christian politicians and warlords and of Patriarch Nasrallah Boutros Sfeir, spiritual head of the long-dominant Maronite Christians.

Less vocal so far but possibly more serious is the power — present and potential — of Lebanon's Shi'ite Muslims.

They are already the largest sect, numbering more than one million of the country's three million people. They form the explosive core of the population bomb that blew the old order to pieces.

Although figures are constantly disputed, it was clear to outsiders long before 1975 that the Christians were a minority in the land they controlled.

The biggest factor in demographic change was the

rapid growth of the Shi'ite — the poorest group in the population, living mainly in the most backward region, the south, and receiving only a token share of state power and patronage.

In the view of most analysts, the Shi'ites are destined to eventually form a majority of Lebanon's people.

With Iranian backing they now see the Arab plan as another carve-up between Christians and Sunni Muslims, unfairly weighed against Muslims in general and the Shi'ites in particular.

The powerful but less numerous Druze also feel that they are under-represented in the new power structure. Their warlord, Walid Jumblatt, accepted the accord under Syrian pressure.

The Ta'if accord would transfer power from the presidency, still reserved for a Maronite Christian, to a cabinet headed by the Sunni prime minister.

Additional members of parliament would be nominated to replace a built-in Christian majority with an equal balance of Muslims and Christians.

The speaker of parliament, the top political post allocated to the Shi'ites, would be elected for a four-year term instead of for one year — a modest increase in his stature but hardly, the Shi'ites say, in keeping with the group's numbers.

Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati, who was in Damascus this weekend for talks with Syrian and Lebanese Shi'ite leaders, told Reuters that "Muslims emerged as losers" in the Ta'if talks.

Shi'ite distaste for the Ta'if compromise may be muted because the strongest Shi'ite militia group, Amal, is closely tied to Syria.

## Thatcher defends her policies

## 'Strong leadership' will continue

BRITISH Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, facing the worst crisis of her decade in power following Thursday's resignation of her Chancellor of the Exchequer, on Sunday vowed to carry on as if it had never happened.

"Strong leadership will continue," she told a television interviewer with the assurance of a prime minister with three successive general election victories behind her.

Impeccably dressed and showing no sign of fatigue, the 64-year-old Thatcher was making her first television appearance since the government was plunged into crisis by Nigel Lawson's departure, which precipitated a steep fall of the pound sterling and calls for her resignation.

Thatcher gave nothing away. She shrugged off pressure from senior Conservative Party colleagues, her lowest-ever rating in opinion polls and bitter attacks from the opposition and threw accusations that she was authoritarian back at her interviewer.

"I am staying my own sweet, reasonable self," she told interviewer Brian Walden.

Thatcher refused to take blame for Lawson's departure after six years as chancellor or to say why she did not try to keep him by sacking an adviser who disagreed with him.

Instead, she listed a catalogue of economic successes which she said had given more power to the people, created more wealth and earned Britain respect abroad.

Lawson's position, she repeated at least seven times, had been "unassailable" and she was sad at his departure. Pressed to accept partial blame for the row between Lawson and her part-time adviser, Sir Alan Walters, Thatcher was unbending.

"Nigel was determined to go. I made it quite clear that advisers are there to advise and ministers are there to decide."

At the heart of the argument that led to the resignations was Britain's entry into the exchange rate mechanism of the European Monetary System, an issue Walden pursued at length.

Thatcher repeated the position taken at the June



Margaret Thatcher: assurance

European Community summit in Madrid when Britain agreed to join the EMS when countries like France and Italy abolished foreign exchange controls.

"We shall join the EMS on the conditions we laid down in Madrid," Thatcher said, refusing Walden's prodding to appear more enthusiastic about the EMS and appease the financial markets.

"Very simply, you can't have a currency like

sterling playing in that system under higgledy-piggledy set of rules."

Lawson's departure sparked a political debate about whether Thatcher can survive to lead her party into the next election, possibly in 1992, or if she has become a liability.

An opinion poll published in the Mail on Sunday newspaper showed 54 per cent of the electorate think she should step down.

While most Conservative politicians rallied around her, Thatcher came under pressure from two senior figures in her party.

Her deputy, Sir Geoffrey Howe, rubbed salt into the wound by warning her not to renege on the Madrid accord was seen as a direct challenge to her authority. He was backed by Michael Heseltine, a former defence secretary and a contender to the Conservative Party leadership.

Douglas Hurd, the new foreign secretary, also sought quickly to establish his position, telling a radio interviewer that he would remain loyal to Thatcher but would not be subservient.

There is agreement among politicians and analysts that Thatcher's room for manoeuvre has been narrowed by the Lawson resignation.

"We now have a foreign secretary, a home secretary and a chancellor she can't sack. We have cabinet government back," was how one Conservative politician put it.

Neil Kinnock, leader of the main opposition Labour Party, whom the latest polls give a better than 50 per cent chance of winning an election, accused Thatcher of "confusion, division and malice."

But at least two Sunday newspapers saw Thatcher riding out the storm, saying she would be better able to achieve consensus in the cabinet because she would be more in accord with her new chancellor John Major.

As Thatcher said on Sunday: "Now we must turn to the future. The same policies will continue because they are successful." (London — Reuters).

## Life of a Palestinian

## Perennial sadness

WAEI ABU NAMNEH's wedding day is his happiest memory, although few of his family could attend.

Most were either dead, jailed or too far away to make the trip, the result of a life made harsh by Israeli occupation and harsher still by nearly two years of a Palestinian uprising.

For once soldiers did not strip his car when Abu Namneh, 28, went to fetch his bride Ghada, 24, earlier this month in a five-car motorcade, honking and shouting with joy, from her home outside occupied Jerusalem.

But the wedding was tinged with the violence that scars Palestinian life.

In deference to the more than 650 Palestinians killed in the 21-month-old uprising there was no singing or dancing.

Instead of slaughtering a sheep, women served soft drinks, coffee and sticky-sweet baklava pastries.

Like many Palestinians, Abu Namneh bears with stoicism Israel's 21-year occupation of the West Bank, captured from Jordan in the 1967 Middle East war. But the uprising has made him long for conciliation.

"Through the intifada (uprising) we hoped we would face the Arab states to come to our help. That did not happen. We have to accept reality and accept Israel," he said. "I don't just want peace for a day or two."

"If they (Israelis) are willing to give us something, allow us political rights, authority of our own, we should take it, said Abu Namneh, who works as a Hebrew translator at an Arab news service in East Jerusalem.

"I am ready to live side by side with the Israelis. I was not before the intifada," he said.

But he added: "No Palestinian will ever give up the dream of Palestine."

Abu Namneh, whose father was a Jordanian policeman, said he and his seven brothers and sisters were all committed nationalists.

"The occupation makes you nationalist," he said.

"Just thinking that you have to carry an identity card and any soldier can stop you and tell you not to go here or there... living under these conditions it is hard not to hate occupation — to hate Israelis — and to work to get rid of it."

Abu Namneh spent two-and-a-half years in an Israeli prison for belonging to the Palestine Liberation Organisation's (PLO) main Fatah wing and for trying to join PLO fighters against Israel's Lebanon invasion in 1982.

A student in Jordan at the time, he was turned back at the border by Syrian troops. When he returned to the West Bank, he was arrested by Israeli secret police.

His youngest brother was imprisoned for throwing stones in the uprising. His older brother was jailed for life for planting a bomb on an Israeli bus that killed six civilians in 1983. His sister's husband was released from six months' imprisonment without trial the week before the wedding.

His other brothers and sisters have sought a life of greater prosperity in Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

Abu Namneh's father died in 1982. His mother, stricken by the arrest of her youngest son in January, died four months before the wedding.

The uprising has drastically changed the family's life, affecting day-to-day existence in countless ways.

They have grown used to seeing troops patrolling their streets day and night, to seeing young men lined up against a wall, their arms raised, while soldiers check identity cards for wanted Palestinians activists.

Villagers say they hardly ever saw Israeli soldiers in Abu Dis before the uprising.

Now Abu Namneh's sister Bushra, who has two babies, rarely goes far from the house for fear of tear-gas. She says she is terrified when soldiers peer through the back windows of the house looking for troublemakers.

Retaliating against stone-throwers, troops once threw a rock through the window of Abu Namneh's front room, narrowly missing Bushra's three-month-old daughter.

Abu Namneh — who has forewarned active politics since he left prison in 1987 — avoided visiting his fiancée at night to stay away from soldiers who may harass young Palestinian men. "You don't forget these things," he said. (Abu Dis, West Bank — Reuters)

## Quote me

"The great responsibility falls on the shoulders of the coalition leaders. They have to make clear their position. Whose side are they on? Their three-month joint government presented an alibi for the leadership of the right wing." — Ex-premier of Greece, Andreas Papandreu attacking those opposed to him.

"I foresee that these demands, which are made with a certain bitterness, will be repeated year after year and intensified if the Libyan people do not receive reparations." Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi on Libyan demands that Italy pay reparations for deporting Libyans to Italy during its colonial rule of Libya.

"I'm sorry that such a thing has happened... I hope he was insured. It was probably carried out by non-Libyan." Libyan leader Col Muammar Khaddafi on learning of the death of an Italian in Libya.

"I find it very strange that the ship was sent away without its passengers being allowed ashore. I hope Italy will explain the reasons for this. Otherwise our people will be justified in detaining Italian ships in our ports." Muammar Khaddafi, Libyan leader on Italy disallowing the docking of a Libyan ship which brought Libyans to Italy to visit spots where Libyans were deported to by Italy.

"I understand some groups are organising a boycott of the pilsenite. I think this would be a serious mistake... A boycott position would be meaningless." — Corazon Aquino revealing the flaws of not voting in a referendum.

"Though he is very much a private man, he is still considered a prominent speaker in the name of Israel and in such a way he damages Israel's image and distorts our genuine position." — Yossi Alami, prime minister's office chief, condemning Eban's remarks.

"Materially the Japanese are very advanced, but not spiritually. If you are white, they treat you well. But if you are dark-skinned or Asian, they look down on you. I don't want to live here a long time. If possible, I would like to go live in America." — A disgruntled Chinese woman castigating Japanese for ill-treatment of foreigners.

# BUSINESS & FINANCE

Workshop on economic situation

## Structural adjustment in LDCs to be reviewed

VIENNA, Oct 30, (Opecna): The economic, development assistance and development adjustment measures in most of the 42 least developed countries (LDCs) will come under the scrutiny of a two-day international workshop opening here today.

The gathering, sponsored by the Vienna Institute for Development and Co-operation, will be attended by senior representatives from the Paris-based OECD Development Centre, the World Bank, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the UN Development Programme (UNDP).

The workshop will be inaugurated by the institute's vice president and former Austrian Foreign Minister, Peter

Jankowitsch. The opening session will hear an address by Louis Emmerij, president of the OECD Development Centre, to be followed by presentations on "the state of the LDCs" by OECD and Unctad representatives.

"Structural adjustment in the LDCs" will be discussed by representatives from Uganda, Bangladesh, the South African Development Co-operation Council (SADCC), the UN Economic Commission for Africa, the World Bank and the UNDP.

On the second day of the workshop, the focus will shift to development co-operation and Official Development Assistance (ODA), both from bilateral and multilateral donors. Representatives from Austria, Finland, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and the European Economic

Community (EEC) will take part.

In addition, the role played by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in development co-operation will be covered. ODA from bilateral and multilateral donor agencies virtually represents the only source of foreign assistance made to the LDCs.

During the 1980s, 23 LDCs have managed to formulate and implement economic stabilisation programmes in line with conditions imposed by the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF). However, the outcome of these processes is as yet unclear.

The recent controversy surrounding the World Bank-UNDP assessment of structural adjustment in sub-Saharan Africa and the counter-analysis presented by the UN Commis-

sion for Africa, has led to an inconclusive picture of the LDCs adjustment programmes.

"The World Bank now feels that any conclusions reached at this point in time are only tentative at best and that it might require prolonged periods of time to lastingly reform the LDCs economic and social structures," the institute comments, pointing out that the UN Economic Commission for Africa recently published a proposal for a self-reliant model of economic development.

The volume of total external debt and debt service in the LDCs has increased sharply over the last decade. By the end of 1986, their accumulated debts represented over 60 per cent of total gross national product (GNP), requiring the countries to spend more than 30 per cent of export earnings on debt service

payments.

On the export side, most LDCs are heavily dependent on a small number of primary commodities for export earnings. With the steep decline in commodity prices during most of the 1980s, balance of payments, debt servicing and import capabilities have severely suffered.

And as for other export products such as textiles, some LDCs are facing import restrictions imposed by the industrialised countries.

Most LDCs have undertaken policy reforms to strengthen the efficiency of public enterprises and to expand the role of the private sector. Primary importance is attached to the development of small and medium-sized enterprises, as well as the entrepreneurial potential in the informal sector.



Hundreds of motorists mostly British, wait at the northern French port of Boulogne for the return trip across the channel, following a strike by ferry staff at the ports of Dieppe and Calais on Sunday. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Workers strike for shorter week

LONDON, Oct 30, (Reuters): Production workers demanding a shorter work week began an indefinite strike today at two British Aerospace (BAE) plants and a factory owned by aero-engine maker Rolls-Royce.

Unions said about 4,500 workers were called out at BAE factories in the northwest English cities of Preston and Chester and more than 2,000 were on strike at a Rolls-Royce plant in Glasgow, Scotland.

"We think it will bite very

quickly at Rolls-Royce and British Aerospace," said Alex Ferry, leader of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions.

The unions have chosen BAE, Britain's leading aircraft builder, and aero-engine maker Rolls-Royce as initial targets in a national campaign to cut the working week from 39 to 35 hours.

They have threatened to widen the strike by calling out workers at more of the companies' plants

and targeting other firms unless a national settlement on shorter hours is reached.

But a spokesman for the Engineering Employers' Federation said British companies could not afford a four-hour cut while their US and Japanese competitors maintained a 40-hour week with higher productivity.

"We know that that would be devastating to the industry and there's no point in talking about it," he said.

Investors welcome election result

## Socialists may alter style

MADRID, Oct 30, (Reuters): The narrowness of its general election victory is unlikely to deflect Spain's socialist government from a determination to cut inflation and slow down a runaway economy.

But it may force changes in the style of economic policy.

"We have seen continuity on the political map," Finance Minister Carlos Solchaga told reporters today. "This suggests there should also be continuity in the government's economic and social policies."

Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez, Socialist Workers Party only just managed to cling to its parliamentary majority in the weekend election, securing 176 seats in the 350-seat Cortes (Lower House) but losing votes heavily to a communist-led group.

Solchaga, who could have been the first victim had the calculated gamble of calling an early election failed, indicated the government had won a mandate to stick to its policies.

But some political and economic analysts said the government may be well advised to adopt a conciliatory

style even though it needs to act tough to reduce inflation and close a yawning current account deficit.

"They must try to avoid giving the idea that they govern and set the agenda entirely on their own," one foreign banker said.

A shift to the left was an option but this would alienate moderate supporters, a Spanish banker said.

"I think the loss of votes to the left is worrying to the socialists... but if the government shifts leftwards they will lose more middle of the road voters than they can ever win back from the communists, he added.

Solchaga, an architect of Spain's boom who now faces a tough task slowing down the economy, is widely believed to have staked his career on the outcome of the poll.

He urged Gonzalez in July to call an election nine months earlier than needed so the government's hands could be freed to take drastic steps to cut consumption.

"If the socialists had lost their absolute majority Solchaga would probably have been dropped," the chief economist at a leading Spanish

commercial bank said. "Now I am not so sure."

"I have never regarded it (the ministry) as my own property... but let's see what the prime minister proposes," said Solchaga, whose bruising style has alienated trade unions.

Spain is heading for its third straight year of growth of five per cent or more. But a monetary squeeze has so far failed to dampen strong demand which has pushed up inflation, now running at an annual rate of seven per cent, and sent the current account deeper into deficit.

International investors welcomed the election result, which had hung in the balance until the early hours of this morning.

"I think the size of the majority is irrelevant," said Darren Williams, an economist with London-based UBC Phillips and Drew. "Although they may have to take into account the loss they suffered to the communist."

The peseta, which came under selling pressure ahead of the poll, was firmer today.

## Japan's energy use on the rise

TOKYO, Oct 30, (Agencies): Energy consumption has risen markedly in Japan which made the Japanese government to reconsider plans for conservation of energy.

Government departments have been lately involved in formulating a new policy to save energy for the new year's balance by setting a programme, which will be the first of its kind in 10 years.

The new project is called "a new outlook on economic and social systems to conserve energy."

Official statistics show that energy consumption in Japan during 1988 had risen by 5 per cent and again in 1987.

Japanese experts say that the fall in crude oil prices had made it seem less important to save energy and boost economic recovery.

The government's new programme is aimed at boosting energy conservation.

Four Japanese petrochemical firms have agreed to switch purchases of some 100,000 tons per year each of butane from Far East sources such as Indonesia to Saudi Arabia, an oil industry newsletter said today.

The Nicosia, Cyprus-based Middle East Economic Survey (MEES) said Mitsubishi Petrochemical, Mitsui Petrochemical Industries and Showa Enko had reached an agreement with Saudi Arabia to buy a total of 400,000 tons of butane per year over a period of two years beginning Jan 1, 1990.

It said memoranda of agreement were signed recently in Tokyo by the four companies and a delegation from the Saudi Arabian Marketing and Refining Company (Samarec), headed by its international marketing chief, Dr Ghazi Habib.

"The sale marks a successful effort by Samarec, offering new terms, to win back its market share in Japan from Far East competitors, particularly Indonesia," MEES said.

The newsletter said negotiations in Tokyo meanwhile over the past two weeks between Samarec and its Japanese customers for 1990 Saudi refined product exports ended inconclusively and will be resumed in December.

## Lower profits for oil firms

NEW YORK, Oct 30, (Opecna): Shell, Mobil and Chevron have reported lower third-quarter profits, following a pattern set by Exxon earlier this week, but Texaco has announced higher earnings, although a decline on a per-share basis.

All the companies said they benefited from higher crude oil prices, but prices for refined products did not rise by the same extent meaning that profits in refining and marketing were smaller than in production.

The Shell Oil Company reported earnings of \$340 million down 6.5 per cent from \$364 million in the third quarter of last year. Crude oil prices averaged \$15.51 a barrel for the quarter, up \$3.31 from 1988, but the company's oil production volumes declined nearly five per cent. Gas output was also down.

The Houston-based company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Royal Dutch/Shell group, said revenues were \$5.4 billion, down from \$5.5 billion.

## Boussena rules out magic formula for oil

Compromise vital

ALGIERS, Oct 30, (Opecna): Algerian Minister of Mines Sadek Boussena, while ruling out a "magic formula" that will keep all Opec countries happy, has emphasised the need for a "compromise" with everyone sacrificing in varying degrees for the sake of Opec unity and the common good of its members.

"There is no scientific formula... that could keep everybody happy. In the end, it will have to be a compromise. I don't think there is any system which could keep the 13 member countries of Opec satisfied completely. We should accept a minimum of sacrifice keeping in view the unity of the organisation," the minister told Opecna in an exclusive interview in the Algerian capital.

Said Boussena: "If all of us want to have complete satisfaction, I don't think we'll reach an agreement. I don't think work in the collective interest."

Asked if there could be a compromise between the interests of those who possessed larger reserves and those who had shorter-term reserves, he replied that this matter had been solved at the beginning of the 1980s.

"Countries with larger reserves have not been able to convince other Opec members of the efficacy of their approach as the price of oil has fallen

from \$32 to the so-called \$18 level," he affirmed.

Boussena argued that today nobody was looking for, or interested in, a price below \$18 a barrel, including consumers, producers, companies, operators and banks — in short, the entire oil industry.

He declared: "Today the problem is between the \$18 price and something else. I say this, if we (in Opec) had observed our (agreed) production, the market could easily have absorbed the \$20 price."

The minister continued that in Opec, "we have to go together. I know there are different points of view, but once the decision is taken, we have to abide by that because it is a decision formally and legally taken."

He conceded that while a host of criteria had to be taken into account while assigning output levels, "we have to look for the common interest. When I say that, I mean that all of us have to make a sacrifice, to put something in the barrel, so to speak."

Ultimately, he said, both small and big "holders" in Opec were interested in the price of oil, arguing that "if it is low, revenues will fall, even if production is raised."

Referring to "certain strategies" some Opec countries had devised to deal with the market, the minister said: "The problem will be solved by the increase in oil demand in the

future. Things will be much easier."

Boussena stressed that certain countries would not be able to increase their production beyond a certain level because they would have reached their "optimum capacity."

He went on to emphasise that regardless of the size of reserves, "all of us are concerned about deriving the maximum benefit out of oil, which is an exhaustible resource. Producing oil is not like producing television sets. Once you take it out, that is it."

The minister maintained that it was "not so very difficult" to respect assigned Opec production levels if member countries made "a sincere effort to do so." He said: "We need the stabilisation of the price of oil. We need to avoid erratic price movements. We need the least amount of unpredictability in the oil price."

"If we have agreed to the \$18 a barrel level, we have got to protect it on our interests and in that of the consumers who must have predictable prices because they have to plan their economies and the oil bill is very important to them. We also have to protect oil investments. If prices remain unpredictable, who is going to invest in the oil industry?"

On the suggestion that no country liked to be told what its "real needs" were, he reported: "Maybe some

## Air congestion, security under review

WARSAW, Oct 30, (Reuters): The International Air Transport Association (IATA) today discussed air congestion and security at its first meeting in a East bloc country.

IATA director general Guester Eser said the organisation's 187-member airlines had doubled net profits in 1988, to \$1.6 billion, from 1987 on scheduled international services.

But he said increasing congestion in the skies might soon halt the speedy development of the industry.

IATA had identified 35 European airports as being "very congested," especially in Spain, Italy and Greece.

"Instead of the market place deciding the course of the industry, operational constraints will determine who flies where and when," Eser said. He added that only concerted action by European governments could help to find a solution.

The meeting is expected to pass resolutions on congestion and air security.

Some airlines had complained that governments had made excessive demands on the carriers' security services after the bombing of a Pan Am airliner over Scotland last December which killed 270 people, Eser said.

"Here I want to stress that it is the industry's view that the responsibility for protecting the public lies with governments, not with the carriers," Eser said.

The meeting is also expected to discuss aircraft noise restrictions. Eser said many airlines could face economic problems if governments forced them to speed up purchases of new quieter planes.

The IATA meeting in Poland marks the 60th anniversary of the Warsaw convention regulating civilian air traffic.

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Gold gains

## Dollar closes mixed

LONDON, Oct 30, (Agencies): The dollar closed mixed against the major European currencies today. Gold was up.

The dollar closed higher in Frankfurt, at \$1.8380 German marks against \$1.8305 at Friday's closing, and was higher also in Zurich, at 1.6055 Swiss francs against 1.6020.

But the greenback closed lower in Paris, at 6.2310 French francs against 6.2760, and was also lower in Brussels, at 38.66 Belgian francs against 38.72, and in Milan, at 1,347.60 lire against 1,357.10.

In London, the pound stabilised against the dollar after last week's sharp falls following the abrupt resignation of the Chan-

cellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson, closing at \$1.5805 against Friday's close of 1.5745. Traders said the pound steadied after Bank of England acted to underpin it and to keep short-term interest rates firm.

Gold closed higher in Zurich at \$376.50 per ounce against \$374.00, and was also higher in London, at \$377.25 per ounce against \$374.00 per ounce.

Silver closed higher in Zurich at \$5.25 per ounce against \$5.20 per ounce Friday, but was unchanged in London, at \$5.21 per ounce.

In London, share prices rose in thin trading on London's International Stock Exchange today as the market took reassurance

from the prime minister's comments on the economy and as the pound stabilised after last week's turbulence.

The Financial Times Stock Exchange 100-share index reached 2112.6 points at 4 pm, up 30.5 points. The Financial Times 30-index stood at 1703.3 points, up 24.8 points.

Still, trading volume was at one of the lowest daily turnover figures this year, reaching 225.3 million shares at 4 pm.

Breweries, stores, buildings and properties took encouragement from a stronger pound and staged rallies after being undermined recently by high interest rates.

## WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Oct 30, (Reuters): Australia's share market recovered nearly half of Friday's losses in a rally inspired by a surge in the price of gold. The All Ordinaries index finished 15.1 higher at 1,637.1.

TOKYO: Profit-taking on issues that rose last week and foreign arbitrageurs selling stocks underlying the index forced down prices. The Nikkei index fell 109.85 to 35,417.44.

HONG KONG: Share prices closed firmer, off early gains, in quiet trading. Investors bought on the strength of possible disclosure of inner reserves by Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corp. The Hang Seng index rose 12.31 to 2,680.30.

SINGAPORE: Singapore stocks closed off the day's lows on late bargain-hunting and the Straits Times industrial index ended off 16.49 points at 1,302.78.

BOMBAY: Bombay share prices were mixed, with investors cautious ahead of government elections due next month.

FRANKFURT: Major West German shares ended slightly firm. The Dax index closed 3.36 points higher than on Friday at 1,466.29.

ZURICH: Swiss shares recovered from early lows to close little changed. The All-Share Swiss performance index closed 0.4 lower at 1,105.6.

NEW DELHI, Oct 30, Air-India may soon acquire additional aircraft on "wet lease" to clear the accumulated export cargo at the Indira Gandhi airport. This mainly comprises textile items, particularly garments, and leather products.

This international airline, which has failed to clear the huge cargo, may have to take additional planes as the Ministry of Textiles, concerned over the inordinate delay in the clearance of export cargo, has agreed to subsidise such operations, according to officials sources.

The Ministry of Textiles, after having a series of meetings at the official level, with the Ministry of Civil Aviation, has realised the problem because the carriers on "wet lease" would have sufficient cargo to take from India but may not have adequate goods to carry back. It is this financial loss which will be taken care of by the Ministry of Textiles.

Due to the paucity of flights, exporters, particularly of apparels, are put into difficulties as foreign buyers naturally want their goods according to delivery schedules agreed upon between the two sides. Leading exporters said last week that buyers abroad are not interested in delays due to transportation constraints and therefore, they cancel the orders.

This problem of accumulated cargo comes to surface every year. But the government has not yet been able to solve it completely, though some steps were taken last year. This time the Ministry of Textiles has come out with financial support so that the cargo is not held up.

The garment industry has been recognised as a thrust area for export promotion. Despite this, exporters, during peak periods, have a tough time in getting grievances redressed. However, this time Textile Ministry

officials have taken a serious note of the situation and initiated discussions with their counterparts in the Civil Aviation Ministry, with positive results.

Export earnings from apparels are expected to touch the Rs 3,000-billion mark in the current financial year. Their exports in 1988-89 had amounted to Rs 2,15 billion compared with Rs 1,50 billion in the previous year. Thus the export earnings from the garment industry would record a 100 per cent growth over a period of two years.

Meanwhile, P.R. Kaushik, director-general, Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEP), told a Garter '89 conference here on Friday that established exporters should spend a part of their export earnings in taking up production of high-quality industrial and institutional clothing for exports.

## KD deposit rates steady

KUWAIT, Oct 30, (Reuters): Kuwaiti dollar interbank deposit rates remained steady in moderate trade today.

Dealers quoted the short-dates at a uniform 8-1/2, 1/4 per cent, with business reported in the overnight at 8-1/4 and in tomorrow-next at 8-1/2. The one-week was 8-5/8, 1/4 per cent. Fixed period maturities were indicated unchanged and flat at 8-1/2, 1/4.

The Central Bank adjusted its dollar exchange rate softer to 0.2986/74 to the dollar from 0.2981/23 on Sunday.

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# Nigerian middle class struggling to stay afloat

LAGOS, Oct. 30, (Reuters): Middle class Nigerians are pulling the plugs on their washing machines and denying their children soft drinks these days.

Harsh economic times have taken their toll on once comfortable white-collar workers, forcing many in Africa's most populous nation to look for ways to keep poverty at bay.

"The middle class is fast disappearing. It's one of the effects of the government's economic reform programme," said Niyi Osundare, a university lecturer and leading poet.

Collapsed oil revenues and huge external debts have forced black Africa's biggest economy to endure more than three years of stringent economic reforms backed by the International Monetary Fund.

Massive currency devaluation and cuts in government subsidies have fuelled inflation and slashed the purchasing power of salaried workers.

"It's terrible...one is now pre-occupied with how to survive," said Kola Shetima, a politics lecturer earning about 7,000 naira (\$1,027 a year).

In the early 1980s this amount could have bought a medium sized saloon car but today

it's barely enough to buy a bicycle.

"Economic reform is necessary but the medicine has had such a devastating effect on the patient that he is gasping for his last breath," said Soji Akinrinade, a senior journalist.

Nigeria's small class of educated professionals, used to comforts of an industrialised consumer society in this mainly agricultural country, have been badly squeezed.

The spendthrift days of the oil boom are over. Now, says Osundare, middle class households haggle in the market, almost coming to blows over a difference of two kobo — a fraction of a cent.

As general editor to the leading weekly magazine Newswatch, Akinrinade is relatively well-paid, and his wife Sonia runs a beauty salon. But the family still struggles to stay afloat.

"Every penny you earn to be spent carefully...every time I see a light on I switch it off," he said after a recent hike in electricity charges.

Sonia said the household laundry is hand-washed to beat the cost of running the washing

machine.

Entertaining visitors has become a modest affair. "We offer home made lemonade...we only buy soft drinks occasionally," she said.

The family eats more boiled food to save on costly cooking oil, and the children have had to accept local substitutes for their favourite imported breakfast cereals.

The economic decline of the middle classes has lowered morale and productivity, particularly amongst poorly paid civil servants, said Akinrinade.

"These are the guys who have to sit and think about how to implement government policies that are eroding their living standards," he said.

But many also spend their time thinking of ways to beat the hard times, Shetima said.

Some, including university teachers and professors, are turning to part-time farming and trading. Others are engaging in activities less helpful to the economy.

"Corruption in the civil service has increased as people look for every opportunity to get what they want," said Osundare.

Akinrinade said that some educated people,

desperate to avoid sliding into poverty, had joined the growing trade in illegal drugs.

"You would be surprised at the number of such people arrested abroad for drug trafficking," he said.

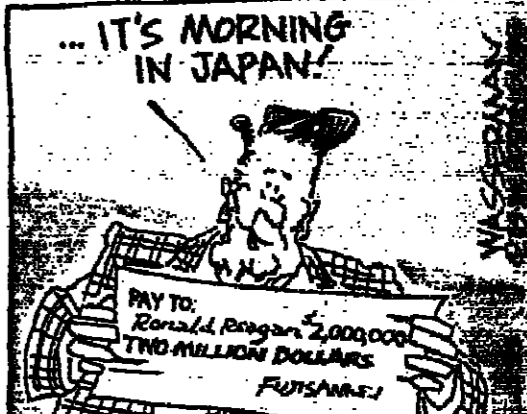
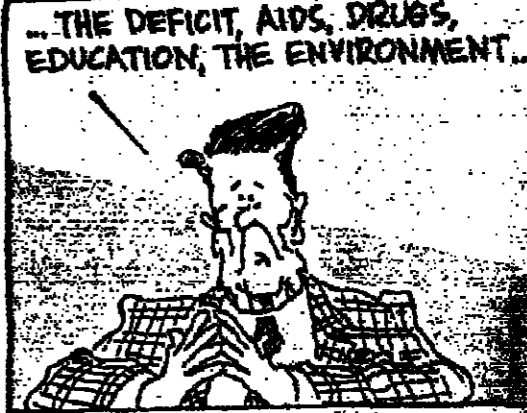
Professionals with internationally marketable skills have found a much safer alternative to poverty — they join the thousands of highly qualified Nigerians working abroad, mostly in the West and the Middle East.

The government earlier this year set up a committee to identify the causes of the brain drain and find ways to stem the outflow.

"It's not too difficult to understand why a highly trained doctor earning 15,000 naira (\$2,055) a year should find emigration an attractive option," said Bako Ransome-Kuti, former leader of the Nigerian Medical Association.

The government points to an internal escape route for hard pressed urban dwellers — go back to the land.

But not everyone can become a farmer and in any case, village life is no longer that much cheaper, Akinrinade said.



Sony urged to support library

## Reagan aides seek gift

TOKYO, Oct. 30, (Reuters): Aides to former US president Ronald Reagan asked the Sony Corporation of America to support his presidential library before he defended a buyout of Columbia Pictures by Sony last week, a Sony spokesman said today.

The spokesman said he thought there was no connection between Reagan's remarks and the discussion of a donation.

"Sony Corporation of America was approached by representatives of Reagan's foundation regarding a contribution to the library. No decision has been made yet," the spokesman said.

Sony, a leading electronics company, was considering giving a \$1 million worth of video equipment to the library, the Washington Post reported on Saturday.

Citing a source "familiar with the discussions," the newspaper said Reagan and his wife, Nancy, were informed of the possible donation for the library before the trip to Japan.

Reagan defended Japanese investment in the United States during a nine-day visit to Japan that ended last Saturday.

He specifically endorsed Sony's \$3.4 million buyout of Columbia Pictures, an acquisition that has been criticised because it gives a Japanese corporation control of one of Hollywood's biggest movie studios.

"Maybe Hollywood needs some outsiders to bring back decency and good taste to some of its pictures that are being made," Reagan told an interviewer on a Fuji television broadcast last Wednesday.

"If America looks like a good investment, why, we should be pleased and proud of it," he said at a dinner that evening.

Confirmation that Reagan aides had approached Sony for a contribution could intensify criticism that Reagan, who was widely reported to have received a \$2 million fee for his visit to Japan, had exploited the presidency.

The New York Times, in an editorial published last week, said: "Former presidents haven't always comforted themselves with dignity after leaving the Oval Office. But none have plunged so blatantly into pure commercialism as Reagan was a guest of the government and the Fuji-television Communications Group, which owns Fuji Television."

## Ivory imports Japan imposes total ban

TOKYO, Oct. 30, (UPI): Japan, the world's largest consumer of ivory, formally announced today a total ban on imports of ivory, bowing to rising international calls for protection of African elephants from extinction.

The decision was announced by chief cabinet secretary Mayumi Moriama after high-ranking officials of government ministries and agencies concerned with ivory trade endorsed an earlier agreement reached by cabinet ministers.

The Ministry of International Trade and Industry enacted measures to bar ivory imports Oct. 20, when the cabinet ministers made the decision, a spokesman for the ministry said.

Today's announcement means this restrictive step will be continued," the spokesman said.

The Japanese decision was in line with a resolution adopted with overwhelming support at the recent meeting of the United Nations-sponsored convention on international trade in endangered species in Lausanne, Switzerland.

The resolution was passed by a vote of 76 for and 11 against, mostly African nations.

Supporters of the resolution claimed that poaching has cut the population of African elephants to about 620,000 or about half of the total a decade ago.

Japan's decision was seen as vital to the international effort to save the African elephant from extinction.

Japan imported 106 tons of raw ivory and 28 tons of processed ivory in 1988, making it the world's largest ivory consuming nation.

Japan enforced a ban on imports of processed ivory in June this year.

Tokyo earlier proposed to continue imports of ivory from African nations having adequate conservation measures.

At the cabinet session Oct. 20, environment agency director general Seta Shiga urged that Japan reverse its position to avoid isolation in the international community, government officials said. There was no opposition from other cabinet ministers present, they said.

Some African nations opposed a ban on ivory trade, arguing that it would only encourage poaching of African elephants facing extinction.

The United States and major European nations have already banned imports of ivory.

A major national daily recently urged the government to develop alternative materials to be used by artisans who craft such traditional Japanese musical instruments as samisen and koto.

Tokyo customs officials said Japan imported 1.86 tons of various types of ivory this year, including 1.4 tons of tusks from extinct mammoths excavated in the Soviet Union.

# Bright prospects for world airlines: Iata

GENEVA, Oct. 30, (UPI): World airlines showed encouraging passenger and revenue growth in 1988 and there are bright prospects for improved economic performance and higher passenger traffic through 1993, the International Air Transport Association reported yesterday.

The report, which reviews world airline performance for the preceding year and contains predictions for the future, was issued by the Geneva headquarters of the 154 member airlines who are meeting in Warsaw, Poland, for the IATA's 45th annual conference.

Operating revenues on international and domestic routes rose 11.2 percent in 1988 to \$125.1 billion, the report said.

Net earnings after interest and other payments nearly tripled to \$2.5 billion against \$900 million in 1987.

Scheduled international services accounted for \$60.9 billion or almost half of total revenue, up 13.2 percent.

Net profit on international operations rose 78 percent to \$1.6 billion.

IATA member airlines carried 190 million passengers in 1988 on international scheduled services, the report said, 6.4 percent more than in

1987.

But the passenger load factor — occupied seats per flight — increased only 0.6 percent to 67.1 percent because of increased capacity.

Domestic services registered a passenger increase of just 0.1 percent to 442 million, IATA said, with the load factor declining 0.4 percent to 6.4 percent.

Freight traffic for its part rose 9 percent last year to 6 million tons.

IATA was optimistic about the near future, especially regarding the Asian and Pacific regions.

Passenger and freight traffic on all international services will probably show an annual growth of about 7 percent from 1989 to 1993, the report said.

International passenger growth is expected to be around 8 percent this year and in 1990 and then "settle down to 6.5 to seven percent in 1991-1992," it said.

"Asia and the Pacific will remain the fastest-growing region during the period, with an 11 percent average annual increase in passenger traffic expected in the North Pacific area and 9 percent in Southeast Asia and the Southwest Pacific."

The contract was signed on Saturday in Toulouse by Gulf Air president and chief executive Ali Ibrahim Al Malki and Airbus Industrie managing director Jean Pierson.

The contract, which also makes Gulf Air a new Airbus customer, finalised the airline's initial commitment to the A320 made in April this year.

Gulf Air will receive its 12 high-

tech A320s between the Spring of 1992 and late 1994 and plans to use them on routes within the Gulf and the Middle East. Replacing the airline's current fleet of 737s, each new aircraft will seat 135 passengers in a two-class configuration. The choice of engines has yet to be announced.

Al Malki said: "As a key operator in the Gulf, we are very conscious of our need to acquire and use the most advanced and economic aircraft. The Airbus A320, with its superior passenger comfort and operating economy, will be the foundation of our fleet in the Nineties."

Pierson commented: "It is always a pleasure to shake hands with a new customer, especially in a region such as the Middle East in which we have many Airbus operators and where Gulf Air is one of the leading airlines."

The Airbus A320, with its high operating efficiency and fly-by-computer technology, is the fastest-selling airliner in the world today. This latest contract brings firm orders for the model to 527 from 26 customers just 18 months after its entry into service.



Picture shows (from left to right) Mrs Jane Seddon of Blackpool Tourist Department, Rupert Peters, British Tourist Authority, and Fouad Abouzaid of Emirates passenger sales.

## UK-Mideast tourism

# Emirates leads the way

ONE of the UK's leading holiday resorts is responding to a sudden influx of Middle East tourists by having brochures and menus printed in Arabic.

Blackpool, on England's north-west coast, is taking steps to try and build on a growing trade with Arab visitors.

Last year several thousands visitors from the region — 2,500 from the United Arab Emirates — visited the resort, well-known for its leisure and fun-fair attractions.

Mrs Jane Seddon of Blackpool's Travel Trade Department said: "Our town is a fun resort and we can offer entertainment for the whole family."

The response we have had from the Middle East has been excellent. Over the past year we have doubled the number of Arab visitors we are getting and the prospects of increasing the numbers look good.

Blackpool is one of 14 organisations represented on a tourism delegation currently in Dubai to take part in a promotion organised by Emirates, the international airline of the UAE.

At a press conference marking the start of the three-day event which includes workshops and seminars for leading travel agents, Emirates passenger sales manager, Fouad

Abouzaid said: "Visitors from the Middle East spent millions of pounds in the UK last year. Those from the UAE alone spent around £62 million and initial figures this year suggest the trend will continue."

"We organised this event to build on the success of the British Emirates Dubai promotion which we staged last year. Our last promotion was highly successful and we believe we can attain similar results this year."

The British delegation is headed by Rupert Peters of the British Tourist Authority. He said the aim of the promotion this time around is to highlight tourist attractions outside of London.

## Hunt, Exxon to build gas plant in North Yemen

NICOSIA, Cyprus, Oct. 30, (AP): The US Hunt and Exxon oil companies will build a liquid petroleum gas plant in North Yemen with a South Korean consortium, the Middle East Economic Survey reported today.

The oil industry newsletter, published in Nicosia, said the US companies signed an agreement Oct. 23 with North Yemen's National Oil Co. and the Korean group headed by Yukong Ltd.

The main processing plant, with an initial capacity of 135,000 tons a year, will be built near Marib in the eastern part of the country, the newsletter said.

A gas bottling plant will be constructed near the capital, Sana'a, it reported.

Work will start once the agreement has been approved and ratified by North Yemen's Council of Ministers, and the parliament, Mees noted.

Hunt and Exxon, subsidiaries operate the main oilfield in North Yemen in the Marib-Jawf region near the South Yemen border.

North Yemen has gas reserves estimated at 7 trillion cubic feet, but studies have indicated that could eventually rise to around 20 trillion cubic feet.

## Toyota to more than double its imports

TOKYO, Oct. 30, (AP): Toyota Motor Corp. said today it will start shipping US-made cars to Japan in 1992 and increase its import by nearly 2.5 times to some 300 billion yen (\$2.1 billion) in the next three years.

The planned sharp increase in imports by Japan's largest automaker will be facilitated by the company's new overseas manufacturing operations, which will be in full swing by 1992, Toyota said in a release.

A Cray Research Inc. supercomputer, the Y-MP8/232, will be among the items on Toyota's shipping list for early 1990, the release said.

"We are at the stage now with our overseas operations, particularly in the US, where we can begin to experiment with model sharing and parts and component sourcing on a more global level," the release quoted Tsutomu Ohshima, Toyota's executive vice president, as saying.

"This is our first real step, and we expect there will be others to follow," Ohshima said in the release.

Specifically, the release said in early 1992 Toyota will start importing to Japan right-hand-drive vehicles from its \$1.1-billion manufacturing plant in Georgetown, Guyana. With its ultimate target of 40,000 cars in a still-yet-to-be-named model.

With a workforce of 3,500, the Kentucky plant of Toyota Motor Manufacturing, USA, Inc., produces the Camry, Toyota's best-selling model in the United States, with a target of 200,000 cars a year at full production.

Exports of US-made Camrys from the Kentucky facility to Taiwan will be raised to 10,000 cars annually by 1992, from the 4,000 vehicles set for 1989, the release said.

Another import plan, Toyota will import catalytic converter substrates from Tabco Inc., of Long Beach, California, with import volume set at 600,000 units in 1990 and 750,000 units by 1992 and after, the release said. The eventual US purchases of converters used in Toyota's domestic production will amount to about 30 per cent of the total, it said.

In the cities, some black activists are hostile toward wealthy blacks, believing the capitalist economy is as much a part of white domination as racial segregation laws.

"To be a black achiever today is nothing less than choosing a cozy seat in the ranks of those who keep our people down," black writer Sandile Memeza said in Frontline magazine.

But in another article, a black journalist attacked the "odd logic" that blacks must live in "abject poverty... if they are to be truly relevant in the fight against apartheid."

"Nobody, no matter how radical politically, can honestly say he does not want to have enough money to live a better life," wrote Kaiser Nystumbe.

# Bombay shares

(As of 28.10.1989)			
Bombay Stock Exchange prices (Rs) Oct 28	Open	Close	High
ACC	303	307	307
Alcon Chem	—	—	—
Alkerm	—	—	—
Amul	—	—	—
Ashtek	87	86.50	87.50
Asia Paint	210	210	210
Asian Corp	49.50	49	50
Auto Corp	73.50	72.50	73.50
Nat Index	387.95	392.56	392.56
Bajaj Auto	342.50	342.50	345
Bar Rayon	757.50	757.50	797.50
Blow Plast	126	128	129.50
Briton	94.50	95	96
Burr Wei	100	93.75	100
Cashmere	—	—	—
Can Bank	3125	3150	3150
Index for 25/10	2280	2380	2420
Colgate	193.75	195	193.75
Crompt Gr	13	12	13
Deep Fert	29.25	30.50	30
Dunlop	73	71	72
El Hotels	63	62	63
Esports	78	78	78
BSE Index	738.75	752.31	752.31
Eskayel	113.75	116.25	115
Essar Spg	22.50	23	23
Food Spl	111.25	112.50	112.50
Forbes	49.50	47.50	50
Gar Poly	60.50	60	61
Gilindia	101.50	102	104.50
GNFC	52.75	53	54
Grasim	107	108	108
Index for 24/10	45	46	47.25
GE Spgs	180	180	178.75
GSFC	74	74.75	73.50
Guj Alkt	11	10.50	11
Guj Heavy	19	19	19
Hind Ciba	995	985	1010
Hind Lever	110	111	111.50
Hind Cocac	132.50	132	133
Hind Motor	24.50	24.50	24.50
Hindale	282.50	287.50	287.50
Hochst	1310	1310	1360
Ingersoll	405	395	405
Ind Org	69	68	70
Ind Rayon	52.50	53	52.50
Ind Rayon	86.50	87	88
Indroil	245	247.50	247.50
JK Syn	66	64	66
Kin Engg	130	128	130
Kin Engg	68.50	68	70
KSS Pump	195	190	197.50
L & T	5.50	5.50	5.50
Lipton	92	92	95
Mess Rased	138.75	135	137.50
Mad Coast	102	102	102
Mahindra	102.75	102	104
Mas Share	16.15	16	16.15
Mico	670	670	727.50
Middlesex	205	205	205
Modi	76	76	78
MRF Ltd	332.50	335	335
Muk Iron	140	143	143
Neecl	1025	1020	1275
Nat Org	49	49	50.50
Nippon	17	16.75	17
Orkay	80	79.50	80
Oswal Agro	22.50	21	22.50
Pesco	72.50	73	75
Pfizer	175	175	180
Ponds	16.75	16.75	16.75
Prem Auto	87.50	87.50	87.50
Ramco	66.50	63.75	67.50
Ray Wool	188.75	187.50	191.25
Reckitt	95	96	94.50
Reliance	71	72	73
Sea God	—	—	—
Shree Small	—	—	—
Shree Cam	55	53	55
Siemens	75	74	77
SKF	1310	1310	1320
Spect	47	46.25	47.50
St Mills	480	480	510
Tata Oil	65	65	65
Tata Chem	123.50	123	122
Tata Pow	390	390	382.50
Thapp Agro	1067.5	1070	1075
Tisco	125	125.25	122
Vam Org	164	163.75	166.25
Vitol	250	215.25	220
Volvo	27.25	27.50	26.50
Wimco	51	51	52
Zuari Agro	75	74	78

Compiled by Kuwait-India International Exchange Co.

# Tokyo share prices

Nikkei stock average: 35417.44			
(-109.85)			
Yen 600 mil sin			
Yen exchange rate: 142.18			
Name of stock	CI	Ch	
Advantest Corp	4900	0	
Ajinomoto	2730	0	
Alps Electric	1820	0	
Anada	1980	+30	
Ashik Chem Ind	1220	0	
Ashik Chem	2310	+20	
C. Itoh Co.	980	0	
Canon Inc.	1790	+10	
Casio Comp	1490	+20	
D. N. Printing	2350	-10	
Daiichi Sanyaku	3040	0	
Dainippon Ph	2800	-70	
Daihatsu Corp	1730	-10	
Eimi	2240	0	
Fanuc Ltd.	7300	-100	
Fuji Photo	4570	-90	
Fujitsu Ltd.	1500	-10	
Hitachi Credit	1830	60	
Hitachi Koki	2000	0	
Hitachi Ltd.	1480	+10	
Hitachi Metal	1630	+40	
Honda Motor	1870	-10	
ItoYokado	4470	+70	
Kajima Corp	2300	-20	
Kawasaki H I	1040	-10	
Kobe Cast Iron	1090	-10	
Kokusan Elec.	3580	+30	
Kosmos Ltd.	1310	+30	
Kyocera Cor.	5390	+30	
Mari	3320	-10	
Mat Comm. Ind	3040	-10	
Mat Electric	2320	0	
Mazda M C	1030	-10	
Mitsubishi Corp	1590	-10	
Mitsubishi Estate	2530	0	
Mitsubishi H I	1120	+20	
Mitsui R E	3100	+20	
Mizuho Corp	1870	-10	
Mochida Ph	4200	-10	
Motor Steel Corp	3950	0	
NEC Corp	1750	0	
Nikon Corp	1460	-20	
Nippon Shin Co	1700	0	
Nippon Steel Corp	728	-1	
Nippondenso	2440	-20	
Nissank Corp	1400	-10	
Nomura Sec	3380	-80	
Osaka Mach	1650	-30	
Osward K Co.	2300	0	
Onix Corp	6190	+40	
Pioneer Elec Co.	5600	-70	
Renova Look	865	0	
Sanyo Elec Co.	2400	-40	
Secom Co. Ltd.	8380	70	
Shin-Etsu Chem	1730	-30	
Shindengen Elec	1280	-50	
Sony Corp	8330	-90	
Sumitomo Elec	1520	0	
Sumitomo Metal	5770	0	
Takeda Chemical	2300	+50	
TDK Corp	5570	-120	
Tokai Marine	2190	-10	
Tokyo Elec Power	5770	-20	
Tokyo Electron Ltd	3240	-40	
Toppan Printing	2150	-30	
Toshiba Corp	963	-40	
Toshiba Motor	1190	10	
Yamaha Elec	2670	+10	
Yazawa Elec	1280	-30	
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Picture of a UFO.



The men who investigated the Gulf Breeze UFO case. (L to R) Gary Watson, Robert (Bob) Reid, Donald M. Ware and Charles D. Flannigan.

# Aliens invade

## UFO visits Gulf Breeze

**S**PACECRAFT hovering over houses. Aliens peering through windows and earthenings trapped by blue laser beams. Looks like those little green men are at it again, spying on our planet.

It is the stuff of science-fiction movies but this time it is for real. These spaceship sightings are not the product of a vivid imagination. They were taken by residents of a sleepy seaside town and UFO experts around the world are over the moon about the discovery. They claim the pictures, taken by locals in Gulf Breeze, Florida, are the best-ever proof that UFO's exist.

Top expert Walter Andrus revealed that the case was the biggest-ever breakthrough in the UFO world.

Speaking in a soft Texan drawl, Andrus told me: "I am pretty convinced the photographs are genuine. They would be extremely difficult to hoax."

"My belief is that the aliens chose Gulf Breeze to show themselves. They made no attempt to hide — they wanted to be seen and I'm sure they'll be back."

Around 140 residents witnessed the extraordinary sight of spacecraft visiting Gulf Breeze between Nov 11, 1987, and May 1, 1988.

Local builder Ed Walters took most of the pictures with his Polaroid camera. One of his more spectacular shots shows a cylindrical spacecraft with flashing lights projecting a blue laser beam down to earth.

Another captures a craft hovering only a few feet above a highway. Ed's wife also snapped him, with just a towel wrapped round his waist, yelling at a spaceship to leave him alone.

Sceptics branded his pictures as fake. But Andrus and a group of independent investigators have proved they were real.

Andrus, international director of the world-wide Mutual UFO Network (Mufon), spent several months studying the remarkable pictures.

At an international UFO conference held in Leeds, Yorkshire, he demonstrated how hoax pictures could be set up. Using double-exposure techniques and

cylindrical metal tops from a gas stove, anyone could fake a UFO sighting.

Andrus, who co-founded Mufon 20 years ago, explained: "I have researched hundreds of cases over the years and 70 to 80 per cent of them are either hoaxes, delusions, hallucinations or identifiable objects."

"Yet there are around 10 to 20 per cent which defy any earthly explanation and the Gulf Breeze case is definitely one."

"I and other independent investigators searched for irregularities which would prove that hoax techniques were used."

"But we could find no convincing proof that they are fake. Now there are very eminent ufologists putting their reputations on the line by stating they are genuine."

Andrus has also quizzed Ed and the other residents on the Gulf Breeze sightings. Ed even had two lie-detector tests and passed with flying colours.

"In all my years with Mufon, I have never studied such a remarkable and believable case," said Andrus. "There is always room for scepticism, but my margin has been narrowed down to five per cent."

Other sightings Andrus has been involved with include an abduction case in Delphos, Kansas, in 1971 and one in December, 1980, near Houston, Texas, in which a woman and her grandson were injured due to the radiation from a UFO.

Walter Andrus has himself spotted a UFO. It was in August, 1948, that he saw four craft flying in formation at 1 pm in a shopping centre in Phoenix, Arizona.

He recalled: "They looked like dull silver balloons. The first one came along, then — pop! It disappeared. The second one came and did the same thing, then the third, then the fourth."

"A few minutes later, the first one popped back into view again, then the second and the third. We never saw the fourth craft again."

It was Andrus's first and only sighting. But 21 years later, he set up Mufon with John Schussler,

now head of the engineering department working on space stations for Nasa.

"This is the calibre of people involved with the organisation which has a board of consultants, most of whom have PhDs or MDS representing 45 areas of science, technology, medicine, astronomy, photo analysis etc.," said Andrus.

"It is not a tin-pot outfit full of cranks and weirdos ready to classify anything that moves in the sky a UFO."

Mufon has a representative in every American state and many countries around the world. They keep in touch with local people who report UFO sightings to them.

Each case is sent to an independent investigator who undertakes research at his own expense and writes up a report. "I don't know of any other case in the world as exciting or controversial as the Gulf Breeze one," said Andrus.

"It is hard to believe stories about men from space. Ed claims he heard humming sounds before the spacecraft visited his home and that he was trapped by a blue laser beam. Many find these hard to swallow. He even heard voices in his head saying, 'Photographs are prohibited. But I don't think Ed was lying.'"

Phillips Mantle, British representative of Mufon, said his phone is red-hot from calls about UFOs. "There have been many sightings and abduction cases in Britain," he said. "Unfortunately, they are not backed up by photographs and the pictures that have been taken are of such poor quality that they can't be used as evidence."

Mantle, who is based in Bailey, Yorkshire, went on: "I find all the cases fascinating, although many of them lead you nowhere. I am sure there are people in this country who have experienced a sighting as unusual as the Gulf Breeze case but are too scared to come forward."

If you're one of these people, don't be shy. If you have had a close encounter — no matter what kind — call Philip Mantle's UFO hotline on 0924-444049.

# Ken Winston's success story

## Acting and directing with dedication

By Jadranka Porter  
Arab Times Staff

**F**OR almost four decades Ken Winston, an accountant and no great adventurer, has been hopping from one end of the Middle East to another.

He was in Aden in the early 1950s when it was still a free port, he was in Baghdad during the 1958 revolution, and in Beirut when the civil war broke out in 1974. He witnessed the meteoric growth of petroleum industry and the construction boom in Bahrain and Kuwait, and heard the boom of the guns in the nearby Gulf war.

Regimes came and went, wars raged and died down, the desert bloomed into a metropolis, and there was Ken Winston, typically unperturbed, almost dismissive about the whirlwind of events around him.

For the real drama for this warm-hearted and even-tempered Welshman was taking place elsewhere — on the stages of small, makeshift amateur theatres that he found or helped set up in places as far-flung as Kirkuk in Iraq or a desert camp in South Yemen.

He has been acting in and directing plays, pantomimes and musicals with dedication and success. His recent Jukebox shows had the youngsters, Kuwaiti and expatriate, clamouring for more. In the early days of the amateur theatre in Kuwait there were long queues for the tickets, with one sellout performance after another.

Winston's efforts did not go unnoticed. His name was on the Queen's Birthday Honours list in 1981 when he was awarded an MBE (Member of the British Empire) for service to the British community in Kuwait.

But after 36 years of being involved in amateur theatre in the Middle East, Winston, 62, who played such prominent roles as the king in *The King and I*, and Doolittle in *My Fair Lady*, is poised for another leap in the world of show business. He intends to join the professionals.

"I'd like to do something for myself as a professional director," he says.

He is currently looking for sponsors without whose backing he may not succeed.

But he remains committed to Kuwaiti Players and is presently putting finishing touches on his next production, *Barefoot in the Park*, which will premier on Oct 31.

Winston's journey into the Middle East and the life of a



Ken Winston today.



Ken Winston at his first overseas posting in Aden, 1953

## Meet a Neighbour

"professional expatriate", began one freezing February morning in 1953 when he left his native Swansea, not knowing that he would never return to live there again.

As he landed in sunny and thriving Aden, having left behind a sombre Britain still recovering from the ravages of the World War II, Winston sighed with relief. That is the life, he thought to himself.

His memories of Aden, a bustling free port, are still fresh. "It was fabulous. It was active and busy and well stocked with all kinds of goods. Those were the days of shortages in England and we used to buy nylon stockings for our mothers and sisters and send parcels home. There was a big Royal Air Force base in Aden, which was also a big stop-over place for big liners. It was an event to go aboard these ships. In those days Aden was pro-British, it was very good," Winston reminisces.

He was working for a construction firm engaged on a refinery project and lived in a large camp, way out in the desert, inhabited mainly by men, Americans, Britons, Italians, Somalis, Indians.

Excitement ran through the camp when the men learnt of the expected arrival of British nurses. Winston as well eagerly awaited the arrival of nurses, but for reasons that his colleagues felt were of secondary importance. "As soon as the nurses

arrived we set up a theatre group and were able to do some plays," he recalls.

While in Aden he had to start from scratch in Bahrain, his next posting, he found a well-established theatrical group. For two and a half years he was balancing the books in daytime and spent evenings rehearsing or performing with amateur dramatics — a life pattern he pursues to present day.

His six-year stint in Iraq brought some surprises, not the least of which was Kirkuk's "most beautiful theatre imaginable" that could seat 600.

But events on the political scene temporarily eclipsed Winston's interest in stage productions. He recalls vividly the morning of July 14, 1958 when the Iraqi revolution broke out: "We had to start early to get to the refinery. So about 6 am we passed the king's palace and noticed that a lot of troops were about. We wondered why. When we got to the camp the message came through that the king had been killed."

"We couldn't get back and spent a week on a small housing compound at the refinery. The new regime was not necessarily anti-British but the people who worked for us changed overnight. They did not attack us but they were not friendly any more."

A massive evacuation of British nationals followed but Winston and most of his colleagues decided to stay on. "It

took months before the situation got anything like normal. I recall only one nasty experience though, when a crowd surrounded our jeep and began spitting and shaking their fists," he recalls.

As the revolution simmered down Winston delved into producing pantomimes in Baghdad, which he later introduced in Kuwait as well. He was certainly a welcome addition to Kuwait's amateur dramatics. Within three weeks of his arrival in the country in 1965 he was playing a leading role in a Kuwaiti Players production.

Looking back he longs for those heady days when amateur dramatics thrived in Kuwait. "Theatre was the focal point for expatriates. Expatriate society was thriving and there was far less to do in Kuwait then," he says.

He recalls that people used to come with flasks of coffee and stools waiting for the box office to open.

"I remember that in one morning alone we sold 3,000 tickets," he says.

Kuwait Players also did radio plays and a quiz serial, and initiated the garden fetes at the British embassy. "We just grew bigger and better," he recalls.

But, as now then too, Kuwait Players were plagued by problems of space. They initially used a building on the British Council grounds then situated near the Sheraton. There were

plans to build a large theatre hall on the same spot and the old building was demolished. But then the 1967 Arab-Israeli conflict broke out and the plans were scrapped. The old building was a pile of rubble and the group moved into an old warehouse on which they spent KD 60,000 only to be evicted five years later.

Winston was the first to use the Salmiya cinema as a theatre for his Jukebox shows. But the cinema is now fully booked through next June and so is the small theatre at the New English School. This leaves the Universal American School hall which the group has used a lot.

Winston's efforts to get a Kuwaiti entrepreneur interested in building a theatre as a commercial venture have not born fruit. In addition Kuwait Players, which he has led as chairman and as its president for years is short of directors and is occasionally rocked by infighting.

Eager to go professional, Winston has set up his own theatrical group, "Sounds Great". He will soon bring out The London Shakespeare Group which will present three performances of Macbeth at the Regency Palace Hotel. He also plans pantomime shows and next year he may put up shows with and for children and teenagers.

Between his real estate business and show business Winston has yet to reach the stage when he can say: "I have nothing to do."

## Japan under economic invasion

# Xenophobic feelings aroused

**I**N kitchens, factories and construction sites across Japan, foreigners are doing jobs that Japanese no longer want, shaking up a homogenous people unaccustomed to different races.

Japan's growing reputation in the Third World as a land of economic opportunity is attracting workers from Pakistan and Bangladesh who can earn as much in a day as they do in weeks or even months back home.

Chinese eager to make their fortune sail in posing as Vietnamese in hopes of gaining political asylum, and Africans ignore local prejudice against blacks to earn money to send home.

Most of the foreigners — estimates of their numbers range from 100,000 to 200,000 — work here illegally. In addition, tens of thousands of foreign students on temporary visas hold jobs. Together, they have an impact far beyond their numbers on the 120 million Japanese.

Tokyo commuters used to seeing only Japanese faces and hearing only Japanese voices and now appear uneasy at seeing occasional black and dark brown faces and hearing strange tongues.

Heavy television coverage of boat people and foreign workers is bringing the issue into the living rooms of millions. Hundreds of thousands of Japanese are working side by side with foreigners for the first time.

Some press comment has been thoughtful. "Is it possible for us to enjoy such affluence separate from the rest of the world especially the people of neighbouring countries?" the Mainichi Shimbun newspaper said in an editorial.

But other writers, nothing the one billion people in neighbouring China, have raised visions of aliens pouring into the country. Letters to the editor pages have been flooded with fears of cultural invasion, crime and overcrowding.

A 2 1/2-hour Japanese television programme on foreign workers last May brought calls from 1,000 viewers — 20 times the usual number for such programmes, a press report said. For every person arguing to let in foreign workers, two said it was a bad idea.

"Foreign workers will destroy Japan," reads the subtitle of a book by critic Kanji Nishio. The book, with a large padlock pic-

ture on the cover, is called "Recommendation for a Closed Country (Sakoku) in Labour," using the same word that shoguns used to ban foreigners from Japanese shores for centuries.

Generally favouring entry for foreign workers are small businessmen, thousands of whom have gone bankrupt because of a labour shortage. For part-time jobs in such fields as construction and restaurants, openings outnumber available workers three or four to one.

Owners of small labour-intensive factories have deluged refugee authorities with job offers for the boat people, even as mass deportations are being arranged. Japan has agreed to resettle 10,000 Indochinese refugees, but unskilled workers from China or other countries are subject to expulsion.

"If it weren't for these foreign workers, we'd go under," says Kenichi Masuda. In his family's century-old cast-iron foundry, elderly Japanese blackened from head to toe with soot shovel coke from the dirt floor into a furnace and pour molten iron into molds in a dimly lit wooden building.

"Young Japanese don't want

to do this dangerous, dirty work," Masuda shouts above the deafening clank of machinery, pointing out a Chinese working for him legally on a government training programme.

At a neighbouring foundry, 29-year-old Paul Aduna from Ghana works for 900 yen (\$6.42) an hour under the same programme, originally designed to transfer manufacturing skills to developing countries.

At 6.30 am at grimy Takadanobaba station on Tokyo's West Side, a recruiting centre for day labourers, construction foremen pass over the few aging Japanese men reclining on cardboard and reeking of alcohol.

Young, eager, neatly dressed Chinese students wave away an offer of 800 yen (about \$6) an hour — about 25 times what they'd make in China. "To cheap. He's crazy," they say. With an offer of 1,250 yen (about \$9), they board a van to be taken to a construction site.

"I used to work in New York," says a Malaysian, who didn't want his name used. "But the money is a lot better here."

"It's hard to be unemployed in a labour market like this. An Asian American reporter at the

station is asked if she wants a job as a waitress in a family restaurant.

In the sprawling neon jungle of Kabukicho, thousands of women from the Philippines, Thailand and Korea work in bars, sex shows and prostitution, most brought to this country by Japanese gangsters.

In Tokyo's immigration office, Thais, Ghanians, Bangladeshis, Pakistanis, Chinese and others stand, squat and sleep in hallways bursting with endless queues of people, trying in a babel of languages to persuade overwhelmed bureaucrats to let them stay a few more months.

Scores of Japanese-language schools have opened in the past couple of years catering to students from developing countries, some acting primarily as visa brokers. But there are few other businesses that cater to the new arrivals, who have to keep a low profile to avoid trouble from authorities.

Most foreign labourers are working illegally after entering on tourist visas, or on student visas that allow only part-time work. Japan, unlike many developed countries, has no legal provision to allow foreigners to enter as unskilled labourers.

# English language under attack from 'Doublespeak'

**I**N this world nothing is certain except negative patient care outcome and revenue enhancement. Or, to put it another way, nothing is certain except death and taxes.

Welcome to the world of "doublespeak" — where apartheid is a "cultural group concept," potholes are "pavement deficiencies," the poor are "fiscal underachievers," rubbish is "post consumer materials" and used cars are "previously distinguished vehicles."

Professor William Lutz of Rutgers University has been tracking this world for more than a decade and has published his findings in a new book called "Doublespeak."

He describes a world where the telling phrase "meaner than a junkyard dog" turns into "meaner than a re-utilization marketing yard dog" and the mafia becomes "a career-offender cartel."

Lutz' conclusion is that English is under attack from a cabal of businessmen, lawyers, advertisers, doctors and government officials out to "mislead, distort, deceive, inflate, circumvent and obfuscate."

He uses this cascade of verbs because he wants to be perfectly clear about the terrible things that are happening in American institutions ranging from the stock market to the post office.

In the world "doublespeak," peace-

keepers are deadly missiles, aerodynamic personnel deaccelerators are parachutes and radiation enhancement weapons are neutron bombs, which were almost named "widow-makers" because they were designed to "eliminate an enemy with a minimum of damage to friendly territory."

Doublespeak is not exactly new. History, both ancient and modern, is replete with examples.

Julius Caesar described his brutal subjugation of Gaul as "pacifying" the place. The Nazis called their genocide of Jews a "final solution" and former president Richard Nixon called the US invasion of Cambodia during the Vietnam war an "incursion."

Ex-president Jimmy Carter called the failed US raid to free American hostages in Iran "an incomplete success" and the invasion of Grenada in the Reagan administration was "a vertical pre-dawn insertion."

Lutz says that never before have so many people in so many places tried to confuse so many others.

"Doublespeak is becoming a flood-tide because television allows a lot more transfer of the language. So, if the president of the United States uses a doublespeak phrase, everybody hears it," he said.

He also thinks that over the years people have become much better at doublespeak, especially with the example set by the

Reagan administration.

Arms control for Reagan was building more weapons, reducing the federal budget deficit meant increasing it and if you worry about the environment you should remember that Reagan said "trees kill."

Catsup (ketchup) was a vegetable, according to one Reagan administration bureaucrat concerned that school lunches were costing too much. Even Reagan, however, found that too much and reversed the decision.

Lutz says that next to government, the medical profession is a prime offender, using such phrases as "diagnostic misadventure of a high magnitude" as a deliberately vague way of saying the doc-

tor's incompetence caused the patient to die.

"There was a case of a man not suing after his wife died because he had been told she died of 'diagnostic misadventure.' Had the man known she died of medical malpractice, he would have called the lawyers in," Lutz said.

"People are paid to think these terms up because somebody wants to cushion the blow or mask what is really happening in the media."

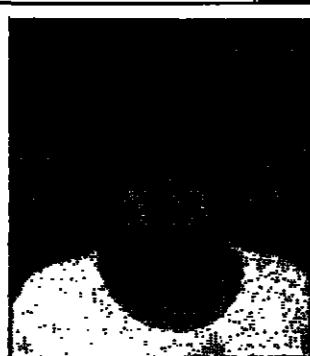
He said the phrase "revenue enhancement" was thought up by the Reagan administration because it pledged not to raise taxes. "What is revenue enhancement other than taxes," asks Lutz.

## JUNIOR TIMES

## Happy birthday



Yasmin Ali Morsi will be celebrating her first birthday soon. Happy birthday from parents, friends and Uncle Mahmoud. Yamin is learning how to play the organ for the occasion!



Salman celebrated his 4th birthday recently. Belated greetings from parents, family and friends.



Sameer Ansari celebrated his birthday on October 20. Belated greetings from parents, and friends. Sameer goes to the Pakistani School and likes drawing and watching television.



Jimmy Cardozo celebrated his 1st birthday on October 25. Belated greetings from parents, family and friends. Jimmy likes to play.



Milton Rodrigues celebrated his 5th birthday on October 25. Belated greetings from parents, family and friends. Milton goes to the Indian School and likes singing, writing and dancing.



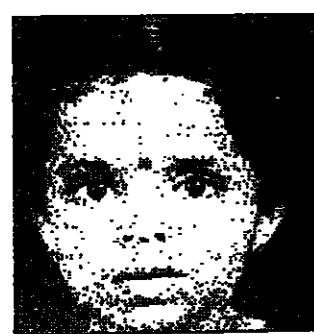
Mohammed Nadeem Akram celebrates his 2nd birthday today, October 31. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.



Bobby Johnson celebrates his 4th birthday on October 30th. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends. Bobby likes stories and cartoons.



Sameer Khan celebrated his birthday recently. Belated greetings from parents and friends. Sameer goes to the American School, Kuwait and likes collecting Thundercats.



R. Hamsalakshi celebrated her birthday on October 28. Belated greetings from parents, family and friends. R. goes to the Indian School and likes painting and watching TV.



Kirti Kripalani celebrated her birthday on October 29. Belated greetings from parents, family and friends. Kirti goes to the Indian School and likes playing the piano.



Leena Jacob celebrated her 8th birthday on October 29. Belated greetings from parents, Leelo, Libin and friends. Leena goes to the Indian School-Abbasia and likes skipping and singing.



Nikil Pujari celebrates his 2nd birthday today October 31. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends. Nikil likes singing and watching TV.



Krishna Dias celebrates her 4th birthday today October 31. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends. Krishna goes to the Kuwait Indian School and likes singing.



Sarah Sheikh celebrates her 1st birthday on November 1st. Happy birthday from parents, friends and family.



Swati Gupta celebrated her birthday on October 30. Belated greetings from parents family and friends. Swati goes to the Carmel school and enjoys swimming and painting.

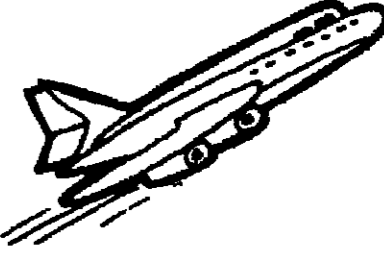
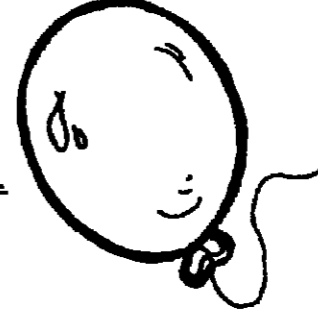
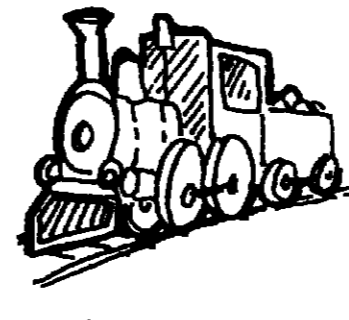
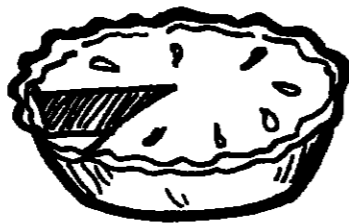
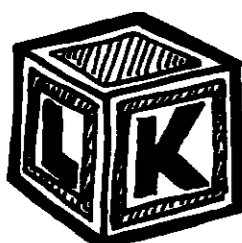


Nita Rachel Rayan celebrated her first birthday on October 29. Belated greetings from parents, family and friends.

## Follow the directions

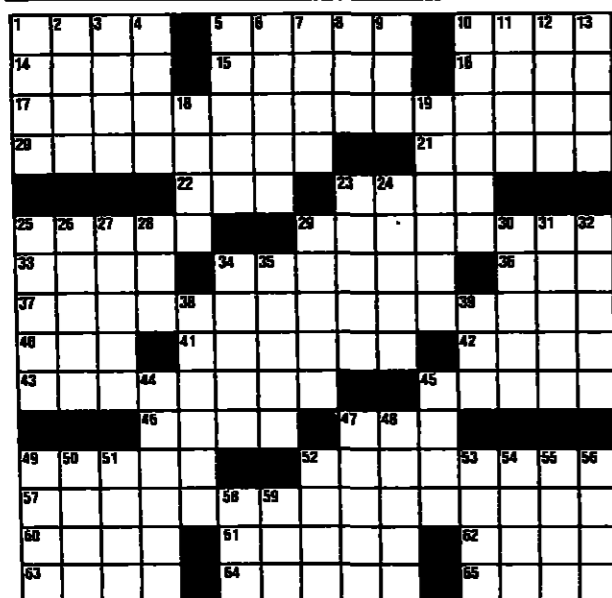
Colour all the objects and then....

Put an X on the things to eat.



Draw a line under the things to ride.

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 "A — for Adano": Hersey novel
  - 5 Ignominy
  - 10 Oat
  - 14 Asian mountain range
  - 15 Word of mouth
  - 16 Modern French composer
  - 17 "Gone with the Wind": e.g.
  - 20 Members of a wagon train
  - 21 Type of orange
  - 22 Susan of "L.A. Law"
  - 23 African fox
  - 25 Actor Alan
  - 29 Putting on one's clothes
  - 33 Protection
  - 34 Some pilots
  - 36 Trevno gadget
  - 37 Latin or Greek
  - 40 Ill temper
  - 41 Alluring creatures
  - 42 Orders in a pub
  - 43 Pre-croakers
  - 45 Orchard, for example
  - 46 Matured
  - 47 Sound from the cote
  - 49 Julio's January
  - 52 "Brewster's —": 1985 movie
  - 57 Where to see flora
  - 60 Cross
  - 61 Boatman's waterway?
  - 62 Kind of skirt
  - 63 River into the Bay of the Seine
  - 64 A. Lauder
  - 65 Dill, in older days
- DOWN**
- 1 Exclamations from Scrooge
  - 2 Author Wiesel
  - 3 Concern of the cobbler
  - 4 — D.: grad. deg.
  - 5 Shopping —
  - 6 Hirsute
  - 7 Parts of circles
  - 8 Extinct rattle
  - 9 Addition to a house
  - 10 Nearer
  - 11 Flow from Mauna Loa
  - 12 Fashion designer
  - 13 Capitol Hill name
  - 18 Name on early cars
  - 19 Prying into other's affairs
  - 23 Supreme self: Brahma
  - 24 British carbines
  - 25 Make suitable
  - 26 Meeting place in Athens
  - 27 Spent
  - 28 Wind direction
  - 29 Van Gogh's "Bridge at —"
  - 30 Flying ace
  - 31 Balboa
  - 32 Desert in S. Israel
  - 33 Silly ones
  - 34 Quick and resourceful
  - 35 "The Woman —": Wilder film
  - 38 Geometric figure

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♠K4 ♥AK3 ♦J652 ♣KJ53  
The bidding has proceeded:  
East South West North  
1 ♠ Dbl Rdbl Pass  
Pass ?  
What action do you take?

A.—Normally, you would bid your cheapest four-card suit; here, two clubs. However, you have a balanced hand with a spade stopper, and you can paint a clearer picture by choosing to bid one no trump. If partner has a weak, distributional hand, he can then run to a suit.

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♠652 ♥643 ♦AKQJ ♣AK  
What is your opening bid?  
A.—In strength and shape you have a classic no trump opening, but it looks ugly with two suits unstopped. Still, the hand does contain six winners, and any other opening could lead to unpleasant complications. Open one no trump.

Q.3—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠Void ♥A743 ♦A86 ♣AK8752  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ 2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠  
What action do you take?

A.—You certainly plan to take some action, but four clubs doesn't tell the full story of your hand. It could be right to defend three spades doubled, or to play the game in hearts if partner has four or more. The way to cover all bases is to double. Since partner hasn't yet bid, your double is primarily for takeout, though partner can convert.

Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♠K1053 ♥J954 ♦AK5 ♣AJ  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
1 NT Pass 2 ♣ Pass  
2 ♣ Pass 3 NT Pass  
What action do you take?

A.—Partner's two clubs is an attempt to find a 4-4 major-suit fit. His jump to three no trump shows game-going values and a hand with ruffing values, but denies four spades. Ergo, he must have four hearts, so correct to four hearts.

Q.5—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♠63 ♥952 ♦KQJ106 ♣Q5  
Partner opens the bidding with one no trump. What do you respond?  
A.—If partner has the ace of diamonds, your hand will produce five tricks. If partner does not have it, your hand might produce only one or two. In that case, even two no trump could be too high. So you might as well gamble out three no trump.

Q.6—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠K873 ♥J95 ♦AQJ10 ♣Q6  
The bidding has proceeded:  
West North East South  
1 ♠ 2 ♠ Pass ?  
What action do you take?  
A.—At this vulnerability, partner should have a hand of about opening-bid strength and a good suit for his overcall. Don't worry about a heart stopper and don't put unnecessary pressure on him by bidding two no trump. Partner almost surely has a heart card, or the suit might not be led. Bid three no trump.

## ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

CLIMB RACK USMA  
AERIE ELAN LAUD  
STAND VALENTINE  
ESQ IBIS LAIDIN  
AZOV ALUM  
EASTEREGG ROOMS  
SOLONG LUAV KAT  
TRIP ILLAD PAGE  
OTT SAUD HOOPOE  
PASSE RECEPTION  
MAHE ARES  
ESTATE STEN DOW  
SKYROCKET ELOPE  
AINT HEEL ROMAN  
UTES TYKE SPELT



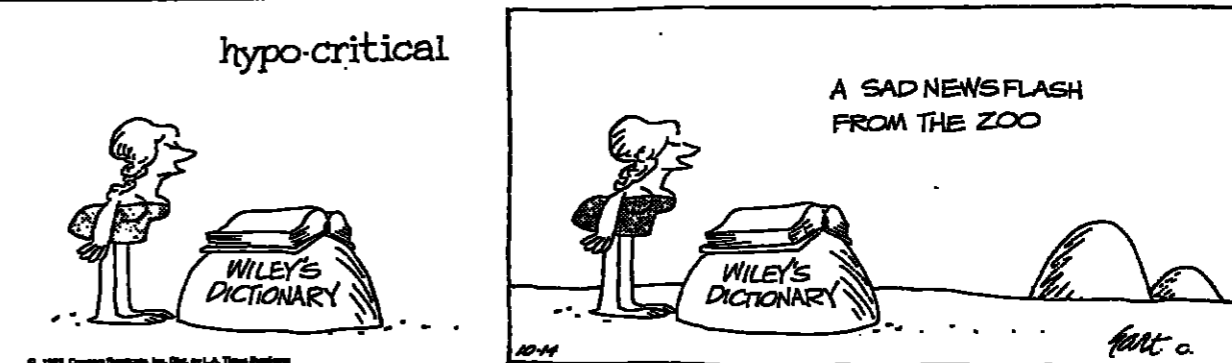
## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



## B.C.

By Johnny Hart



## YOUR STARS

<p><b>Aries (March 20 - April 18)</b></p> <p>You will have to deal with a difficult person and should try not to lose your temper. Something you have been attempting for some time will now be nearer to success. Have a good laugh at yourself. Be true to your word.</p>	<p><b>Cancer (June 21 - July 21)</b></p> <p>You should do your best not to create problems for yourself. Mercury's better influence will help you to get a move on. You should work hard but not become tense about it. Be moderate.</p>	<p><b>Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)</b></p> <p>You will be able to improve your financial situation only if you make certain economies. But cut down on essentials rather than trying to scrimp on what is still essential. Show a little more goodwill towards others. Be forgiving.</p>	<p><b>Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19)</b></p> <p>Do not ignore a serious pain but do not make a fuss over every little ache and pain. Mercury's influence will help you to get down to action. Do not be afraid to make a few changes. Be less antagonistic.</p>
<p><b>Taurus (April 19 - May 19)</b></p> <p>You will tire rather easily today so try to conserve your energies. Something that is important to you is making good progress. Do not allow yourself to be distracted. Be tolerant.</p>	<p><b>Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)</b></p> <p>Something you learnt recently will now prove its worth. You should accept a disappointment and do not dwell on it. Do not expect to be loved without loving in your turn. Be fair.</p>	<p><b>Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)</b></p> <p>You would be better off being a little more slow and more sure. Correcting takes up all the time you save by hurrying. And as you get more practice you will in any case grow faster. Be generous.</p>	<p><b>Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)</b></p> <p>You will not be in the best of moods and must make an effort not to upset others. Nor should you take everything quite so personally. Do not be afraid to make a few changes. Be less antagonistic.</p>
<p><b>Gemini (May 20 - June 20)</b></p> <p>You will have a lot to do and should not allow yourself to become flustered by what still remains to be done. One thing at a time. Make sure you stay on the 'right' side of an important person. Be selective.</p>	<p><b>Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)</b></p> <p>Nothing will seem to go your way at first but later things will improve. Do not make difficulties for yourself. Emphasize the positive factors without neglecting the negative ones. Be responsible.</p>	<p><b>Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)</b></p> <p>You will have a great deal to do and may have to sacrifice some of your leisure to get it done in time. Your personal situation will take a turn for the better. Make sure you do not annoy your partner. Be objective.</p>	<p><b>Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)</b></p> <p>You will be in the right frame of mind to tackle what has to be done. You will not altogether like what has been done by some of your colleagues. Do try to make the best of it. Your lucky numbers are 26 and 38. Be tactful.</p>

# JUNIOR TIMES

ARAB TIMES, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1989

Dear Junior readers,

Have a wonderful Halloween! Today is your big day. Take out your pumpkins, sweet sacks and costumes and invade your neighbourhood.

Luckily, the weather has not yet turned too cold and roaming around in the fresh air is very enjoyable.

Many of you have already participated in Halloween celebrations at school. Our photographers have been wandering about the school grounds and taking pictures of all of your wonderful costumes ... so keep a look out for the next Junior Times edition ... you may be surprised!

Manal

## My Friend Rimzhim

To dearest Rimzhim,  
As pretty as a rose,  
Voice of a nightingale has she.  
She will be 10, she will, she will,  
Joyfully and merrily.  
I hope she will celebrate her birthday  
With happiness, pride and glee...  
Swiftly will the time pass by,  
Leaving memories.  
Never forget me dear sweet Rimzhim,  
Never forget me please.  
You will be 11  
You will be 12.  
Soon you will pass the teens.  
I hope we will remain friends forever  
And never apart shall we.  
I wish you happiness,  
I wish you peace,  
I wish you a happy birthday kiss!  
31st is your lucky day.  
You are 10 today.  
Have a great party,  
Have a great time  
Enjoy your life, with glee.

By: Tehzeeb Huda (Age 10),  
Junior 4,  
Kuwait English School.



Rimzhim



Tehzeeb

## Colouring time



## Molly Adams loses a tooth

By Julie Hodgson

"WHAT a noise" said Molly's mum. "What on earth is the matter Molly?"

"I've got a toothache, and it hurts" wailed Molly from the top of her lungs. Molly's mum picked up the telephone, and rang the dentist for an appointment. Molly scurried, when she heard her mum on the phone. Molly hated dentists, she knew that they were good, and they looked after your teeth, but she still did not like them. She ran off into the garden to climb some trees. Molly heard her mum shout to her that it was at 3pm tomorrow, that she would have to go to the dentist. Molly bit down on the inside of her lip, with the tooth that hurt, and thought about the dentist tomorrow.

"Ugh" she said out loud to herself, and bit even harder onto her lip.

Just then William from next door, came over, and called to her from the foot of the tree.

"Hello Molly, what's up?" asked William.

"Oh, just a rotten old toothache" she moaned.

William suggested that they go for a bike ride, to try and take her mind off it. Molly thought that was a brilliant idea. As she began



to climb down the tree, her foot got caught on a small branch, she was not that far from the ground, so she let go of the tree, but the branch still held fast. "Ouch, my chin" she shouted.

William went to her, to see if she was hurt, but she was laughing. Her front tooth, the one that had been hurting, had been knocked out.

"Yahoo" she laughed. "Now I will definitely come on that bike ride."

Molly Adams was a happy little girl, after her tooth had been knocked out. After she told her mum, she put her tooth in a safe place.

And went on bike ride with William.

## Word search

HANG IT!

ART  
BELL  
CHANDELIER  
CHIMES  
CLOCK  
DIPLOMA  
FIXTURE  
GUNS  
LAMP  
MIRROR  
MOBILE  
NEEDLEPOINT  
OIL painting  
PHOTOGRAPH  
PICTURE  
PLANT  
PLAQUE  
PLATE  
POSTER  
QUILT  
SHELF  
TAPESTRY  
TOWEL rack

N E E D L E P O I N T G G  
T P I I F L E H S N J U P  
A H J P K I K N A N N I I  
P O I L M B E L L S H B C  
E T O O O P M Q U I L T  
S O R M H M K J J L L L U  
T G C A A F I X T U R E R  
R R H L J N B R H G T W E  
Y A I P O S T E R A J O O  
P P M N B C I O L O T T O  
H H E J K L K P U I R B B  
P P S K L O P P L A Q U E  
C H A N D E L I E R W W E

If you have a birthday coming up soon do not hesitate to send in your picture, name, date of birth, school and hobbies. Look out for the next coupon.

Put an X on the plate.  
Put a ★ on the cup.



Draw eyes, ears and a nose on the animal below



# Children's Sports Festival

SOME cried in joy, some cried in anguish, some cried foul, but at the end everyone smiled.

All is well that ends well. So, was the Bangladesh Children's Sports Festival.

About 300 children closed a chapter in their daily routine and opened another page to spend the day running, jumping,

cycling, gossiping and having fun.

They started gathering at the Kuwait University Squash Centre, Shuwaikh, early Friday morning for the sports which was inaugurated by the Bangladesh embassy Counsellor Mohsin Ali Khan.

After a march past the battle began.

Starting from kindergarten pupils to the teenagers of higher classes, they vied for a prize. And none of the events was easily won. It was contest all the way through.

And during all the contests the children were cheered by their parents and spectators, a few thousand of whom gathered

at the squash centre. Like the participating children they also enjoyed the day thoroughly.

At lunch time it appeared to be a picnic with groups of people gathering under the shadow of trees, buildings or tents to have their meal. Many went prepared with containers full of food and bags full

of cold drinks.

When the day ended, people were saying had the hours been a little longer they could have enjoyed a little more.

The Bangladesh Ambassador K.M. Shehabuddin distributed the prizes.

Among the participants who performed well were: Anisur Rahman and

Ahsan Habib Khan — first in three events: Ariful Islam — first in two events and fourth in one; Eshita Kamal, Fahdi Zahir Shah and Farzana Khan — first in two events and Amina Reza who was first, second and third in three events respectively.



Dress as you like



Cock fight



Singing the National Anthem



Get ready, get set, go...



Sack race



The Ambassador K.M. Shehabuddin distributing the prizes.

## EVENTS

# Cafe Theatre now in Kuwait

By Jadranka Porter  
Arab Times staff

THEATRE lovers in Kuwait used to seeing English theatre productions in London's West End will be treated to a special performance on Wednesday when Cafe Theatre, a travelling troupe of actors, stages a two-act thriller at the Kuwait International Hotel.

This enthusiastic and talented group, led by actor, director and marketing consultant Derek Woodward, has already provided a glimpse into the English theatrical productions for English-speaking audiences from Jakarta to Dubai.

Matching their efforts on the stage is their zeal to bring theatre to the community through workshops, lectures, school visits, business lunches and coffee mornings.

By the time they present Francis Durbridge's House Guest on Wednesday they will have visited schools, banks and Kuwait University's Higher Institute of Dramatic Arts to share their experiences not only with budding actors but anyone who may have to address an audience, be it theatre goers or a group of businessmen.

The group's latter activity stems from Woodward's conviction that "there's more acting done off the stage than on it." To illustrate his point, Woodward mimics a nervous speaker addressing a group of businessmen. He taps the imaginary microphone, shuffles his papers, clears his throat. "By the time you have done all this you may have lost your audience," he says. So put on a little act, or stop overacting and just be yourself, he advises.

He straightens his back, looks directly at his audience and begins in a confident and powerful voice: "Ladies and gentlemen, today I am going to speak

about ..."

This ability to command attention has served him well on the stage but was an invaluable asset in his business career as well.

As an actor he spent four seasons with late Sir Laurence Olivier's National Theatre where he appeared in plays by Shakespeare and Harold Pinter. As a marketing consultant, he scored points when he successfully launched a brand of mineral water from Scotland and when he set up fresh poultry industry in Bahrain.

Drawing on his business skills and love and knowledge of theatre he launched Cafe Theatre bringing English theatre tradition to those who speak English as a second language. In his productions every consonant and vowel spoken by the actors is given full value.

His ambition is to make Cafe Theatre a leading international theatrical group that will reach audiences in more than 40 countries over the next five years.

In this he relies on the generosity of sponsors such as hotels, airlines, travel agencies, courier service companies and others.

But crucial for the success of his project, is a group of British actors, each of whom is a professional in his own right. They include Maya Woolfe who has spent several years in English repertory theatre but is also known in the West End and has appeared in several TV dramas. Another female member of the troupe is Jenny Lipman who made several appearances in the Royal Shakespeare Company. Peter Mantle, Colin Haigh and Peter Kirk are actors with varied experience in British repertory theatres, film and television.

The group works and lives together for five months in a year

staging shows in the ballrooms of five star-hotels. They travel with 1,500 kilograms of excess baggage carrying with them lighting rigs, props, panelling and even carpets. When they are not preparing the stage or performing, they visit orphanages, women's associations or speak to banking or oil executives offering advice free of charge.

The actors who show more than a superficial interest in countries they visit are conversant with Pakistani politics, Sri Lankan customs and different cuisines.

Professionally, their touring is



Maya Woolfe with Peter Mantle (left) and Colin Haigh.

a unique experience as well. "It is like having a first night each week," says Jenny. But this kind of a lifestyle is not without its own drawbacks. "Five months a year we are away from the loved ones. There is someone back home I would love to be with now," says Peter Mantle.

But if the loved ones are beckoning the bleak job scene is sending different signals. British theatres squeezed by tight budgets are reluctant to take risks with new plays and unknown actors. Eighty-five per cent of British actors are out of work and the Cafe Theatre actors who are sure of five months of work per year consider themselves

lucky. "On average a British actor, excluding the stars, gets enough work to keep him busy six weeks a year," says Peter Mantle.

For their debut performance in Kuwait, they will present House Guest, a play with a wide appeal. Its intricate plot, charged with excitement and peppered with humour, revolves around murder and kidnapping.

This is the first Cafe Theatre performance in Kuwait but it might not be the last. Already a familiar name in other Gulf states, the UAE, Qatar, and Oman the group is likely to return next year for another successful season.

## TELEVISION PROGRAMME

### KTV 1

#### MORNING

- 9.30 The Opening and Holy Quran
- 9.40 Sabah Al Kher News and Variety
- 10.00 Around the World: Cartoon Serial
- 10.15 Magazine D'Actualite (repetition)
- 10.30 Al Ghaba: Daily Arabic Serial (part 12)
- 11.30 Sabah Al Kher News and Variety
- 11.40 Taa'leel: Bedouin Serial, starring Yousif Al Jamal, Jamal Turki, Khaleel Mustafa, Sameera Khouri
- 12.30 News Summary
- 12.35 Sabah Al Kher's final word
- 12.37 Holy Quran and Closedown

#### EVENING

- 4.00 The Opening and Holy Quran
- 4.15 The World Today via Satellite (repetition)
- 4.45 Alice in Wonderland: Cartoon Serial (Part 5)
- 5.15 You and Your Health: Local Programme, prepared by Dr Salem Mohammed, presented by Dr Rashed Al Owais
- 5.25 Nahno Asdeqoq: Local Programme
- 5.45 Night Chemists, Airlines and Official Advertisements
- 6.00 Al Tareeq Illa Al Qods: Historical Serial (part 28)
- 7.15 Sports Stars: Sport Programme, prepared and presented by Metlaq Nassar
- 7.55 Made in Kuwait: Informational Programme, prepared and presented by Dr Ali Al Damkhi

- 8.30 Good Evening and Local News
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 9.45 Al Mokaafa: Arabic Serial (part 11)
- 10.35 Variety Late Night Show, with guest star Ahmad Sudqi
- 12.00 News Summary
- 12.05 The World Today via Satellite
- 12.25 Holy Quran and Closedown

### KTV 2

- 6.00 Opening - Announcement & Holy Quran
- 6.10 Diplodom: A cartoon series for children
- 6.30 Professor Lobster: "Concrete"
- 7.00 The Franchise Affair
- 7.30 Fishing The West: "Baja Yellow" Fishing on "Baja" area in the Gulf of Mexico and California
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.30 You and the Law
- 8.45 Morning Star, Evening Star: "Good Expectations" - "Alan" and his older sister are treated nicely by a lady who asks to adopt the boy and his sister
- 9.30 Discover: How did ancient Incas shape and move 200,000 pound building block? ... Testing human-powered water bikes ... Can you create a mountain eco-system in a desert environment?
- 10.30 Murphy's Law: "Never Play Leap-Frog." Murphy is accused by the F.B.I. of dealing with a wanted criminal, and has to prove the opposite.
- 11.30 News in Brief
- 11.45 Magazine D'Actualite.

## NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait  
Al Hafiz Pharmacy  
Salah Al Dora Street  
Al Rashid Pharmacy  
Ahmad Al Jaber Street  
Hawalli and Nagra  
Al Ikhlis Pharmacy  
Barut Street  
Saladin and Rasmahya  
Al Radd Pharmacy  
Amman Street  
Fahad and Ahmad  
Al Sheikh Pharmacy  
Fahad  
Kheitan  
Gharwa Pharmacy  
Old Kheitan  
Opposite to the police station  
Jahra  
Al Zahra Pharmacy  
Jahra, the New Souq

## CINEMA

Al Andalus  
The Annihilators  
Salah  
Hall Booked  
Al Hama  
Commando Wildgeese  
Drive-In  
Arabic film  
Al Firdous  
Dharam Shatru  
Fahad Open  
Khudair  
Fahad  
Avalanche Express  
Al Jahra  
Prem Kanani  
Granada  
Shiva  
Salsabat  
The Return  
Jleeh  
Chandana Daku  
Ahmed Drive-In  
Arabic film

## PRAYERS

Fajr	4.40 am
Zohr	11.32
Asr	2.40 pm
Maghreb	5.53
Isha	6.21

## WHAT'S ON

### ARTS

**Islamic Art**  
A SIX week - 12 lecture course on Islamic Art will be given in English at the Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyyah on Sunday and Tuesday mornings from 10.00 - 12.00 noon. October 29 through December 5, 1989.

An eight week - eight lecture course on Islamic Art will be given in Arabic at the Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyyah on Monday afternoons from 4.00 - 6.00 pm from October 30 through December 19, 1989.

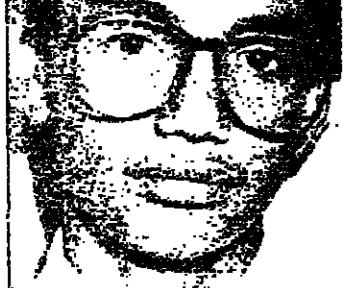
To register for either of these courses please sign up at the Dar Al Athar during museum hours 8.30 am - 12.30 pm.

**Sultan Gallery**  
A COLLECTION of abstract art by Saudi Arabian artist Faisal Samra is on show at the Sultan Gallery. Samra, who experiments with space and form, is exhibiting for the second time in Kuwait. His first exhibition was in 1987. The show is open Saturday to Thursday from 10 am to 1 pm and 5 to 8 pm, until Nov 15.

**Hobby centre**  
New Courses in Jewellery making and design for adults. For children there is Pottery starting next month for 6 weeks. Tel: 5618847, 5317354.

**Social**  
**Planist wanted**  
KUWAIT Little Theatre - Ahmadi urgently require a pianist to help with their pantomime rehearsals and performances. Anyone interested, please call S. Prescott on 3725960 after 3 pm.

**Navellim Youth Centre**  
NOV 16: An annual get-together with live music from "Stepping Stones and Top Ranks" having lots more amusements, surprises awaiting at Le Mirage ballroom - Ramada Al Salam Hotel. Contact: Mr Alex - 2426334, Mr Marian - 2416945.



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**Narthana**  
AS a part of the Nehru Centenary year celebrations "Narthana" stages "Anarkali" ballet at IAC hall on Nov. 9. The popular historical story took place in the year 1600 will be staged with the real Mughal Muslim costumes and style. Admission restricted with passes which are available at Tel: 4337608/2425131/3904817/24-61589/5643126.

**Magic show**  
NOV. 9, 10: Expatiate Club will organise the first magic show in Kuwait. Internationally known Indian magician Marco will perform at the Granada Cinema. For details contact Wilson 3918905, Val 5614506 after 5 pm. Tickets available at Raja Stores. Tel: 2412970.

**Bob Marley Night**  
NOV 9: A tribute to the king of reggae will be held at the Bneid Al Gar Sea Club Open Air Auditorium on Thursday, November 9, 1989 from 8 to 10.30 pm.

Steve Michael the lead vocalist will perform 20 Marley favourites. Some of the songs will be heard live in Kuwait for the first time. He will be backed by the Reggae Connection.

Tickets priced at KD3 are available on sale at the Bneid Al Gar Sea Club - Tel: 2530388; Shaab Sea Club - Tel: 5640205; Bidaa Sea Club - Tel: 5731477 and Swan Lake recordings Tel: 5721030.

The concert, a repeat of the show held last November at the SAS Tent, is being arranged and presented by Phil Danielle and is open to all - families and singles.

**Rock 'n' Roll**  
SPEND a night of Nostalgia with music from 1955-1965 at Messiah Beach Hotel. Fulfill your fantasy and dress as your favourite Star of the Era or just dress up. Also BBQ and prizes. For details please contact 5624111 ext. 711, 712 or 705.



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**Ladies International League**  
THE purpose of LIL is to offer women of all nationalities an organisation in which they can enjoy events and activities and, at the same time, meet women of many nationalities and, in that way, gain an insight to the people and culture of other countries.

As our world becomes smaller each day with the ever increasing speed of travel, who knows when you may be in a foreign country new to yourself. Hopefully, as a member of LIL, you will have met someone from that country and know a little of its people and their culture.

Accept the challenge to open yourself up to the new friendships and a new year in Kuwait by joining LIL.

**Barefoot in the Park**  
There are now only a few tickets available for the gala performance at 8 pm on Oct 31, 1989 of the hilarious comedy "Barefoot in the Park." Tickets for the gala performance are KD4.000, which include a light buffet after the show. Other performances are from Nov 1 to 4, inclusive, at 8 pm, and tickets for these performances are KD3.000 each. The play is directed by Ken Winston and produced by Glenis Muckle. If its laughter you're after, you are advised to reserve your seats now, by ringing 3903475.

The performance will be at the Mousetrap Theatre in the New English School.

**Bharathi Mele '89**  
A DAY of fun and enjoyment on November 3, 1989, at Indian Embassy Hall, with lots of games for children as well as adults from 9-00 am to 2:30 pm. For details, please contact Tel: 4898891 or 3920820 or 5612114 or 5627718 or 3726821 or 2465712.

**Navellim feast**  
The feast of Our Lady of Rosary, Navellim will be celebrated on 15.11.89, at the Holy Family Cathedral at 7.15 am.

**Rock 'n' Rool**  
NOV 15: Spend a night of nostalgia with music from 1955-1965 with High Spirits at Messiah Beach Hotel. Fulfill your fantasy and dress as your favourite Star of the Era or just dress up. Also BBQ and prizes. For details please contact 5624111 ext. 711, 712, or 705.

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**Konkani drama**  
Sponsored by the new G.O.A., Goa's ace dramatist M. Boyer will present "Chintam Zallim Sopnam" a Konkani drama at the Indian Arts Circle on the 2nd and 3rd of November 1989. The artists, all coming from Goa, will include Jacinto Vaz, Remy Colaco, Betty Naz and others. Tickets are available at Canary Video (Sharq) and Video Clock (near GPO).

**Musical Nights with Adnan Butt**  
A variety of popular Indian and Pakistani songs, ghazals and gets to be presented in exclusive musical gatherings on four consecutive Thursdays starting from November 23, 1989 at various locations in Kuwait. For details contact 3919720, 3610088 and 4743955.

**British Council**  
The headmaster of a long established co-educational boarding school in the west of England will be at the British Council in Mansouriyah from: 5.30 - 7.30 on Monday/Tuesday 30/31 October or phone Mrs Harries at the British Council for more information - 2515512/2533204.

**Tribute to Hemant Kumar**  
IN fond remembrance of Hemant Kumar Indian Arts Circle in association with Bengali Cultural Society is arranging a musical evening at the IAC auditorium on 16th November, '89 at 8 pm.

Entry passes are available from IAC office at Fumaltes. For further details please contact: 5621379, 3910806, 2644863 and 3904817 (IAC office).

**Bengali dance drama**  
The Bengali musical play "Nakshi Kathar Maath" (The Field of the Embroidered Quilt) by famous Bangladeshi poet Jashimuddin will be staged at the Starlight Theatre, Doha Entertainment City, on Nov 2 and 3. For details please contact Tel: 4893424, 4744490, 4315759, 3173923, 2466562.

**Musical variety**  
A MUSICAL variety with lots of fun and prizes is to be held on Nov 2 at 9.00 pm. Limited numbers of cards are still available for families. Please contact, Secretary Public Relations, tel. No. 4716258.

**Beazar**  
NOVEMBER 2, 1989 at the Kuwait International Hotel in the Safat Room from 10 am to 6 pm. Come along and buy handicrafts from all over the world. Tents, Al Asaf Gifts (SAS Hotel) and The Art Shoppe (Salmiya) will be there. Raffle and Door Prizes. Everyone welcome.

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**"Big" meeting:**  
NOVEMBER 6, 1989 at the Kuwait Regency Palace Hotel in the Bubyen Room at 7 pm. All ladies are welcome. No children allowed. Watch the Arab Times for more information on L.I.L.

**House guest**  
LEADING British theatrical group The Cafe Theatre will be staging Francis Durbridge's House Guest at the Kuwait International Hotel on November 1st in the Grand Ballroom at 8.00 pm. Tickets available at Reception at 2530000/8040. The group will also hold workshops with local acting groups. Informal discussions will be encouraged and emphasis will be on improvisation, voice training and movement. Interested groups to contact Public Relations or the Sales Department.

**Quran Khani**  
AS PER Dr Riaz Ahmed Mahesar, President of Pakistan People's Club, all lady members are requested to get in touch with their dist. Presidents on 1st Nov 89 for Quran Khani. Pray to Allah for Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's success against the no-confidence motion.

**Kuwait Karnataka Koota**  
NOV 3, 5 pm: As part of the Nehru Centenary and Karnataka Rajyotsava Day Celebrations, the Koota has organised a variety entertainment programme followed by dinner at the Sharq Co-op Auditorium. For entry passes contact 5621922/5650264/574-5483/3714089.

**Star Nite**  
DEC 21: Star Nite Stepping Stones have stepped in and with Perfect Strangers it's going to be a nite to Celebrate Yulidie. Fun fare for children and variety programme for others starting from 5-8.30 pm and goes on from 9 pm until sumptuous buffet mid-night. A galaxy of prizes with Hamper lucky draws under 555 sponsorship invitations with Shop No. 34 ex New Super Market and contact Tel. 5331940, 2413706 Res.

**Tug-of-war**  
THE organising committee of the United Goans Centre announces their second annual tug-of-war competition to be held on November 10, 1989 at Sour grounds from 7.30 onwards and it is open to all expatriates. Attractive prizes for finalists. For entries please contact: Tony Gonzales Tel. 2612024 & Moses Menezes Tel. 2427179.

**Piano Recital**  
THALIA Myers, a well known pianist will be giving a Piano Recital in the Mousetrap Theatre on Wednesday, November 15th at 8 pm. Tickets are KD4. Her repertoire will be music from Edwin Roz-



The folklore Television Group.

## Peace and friendship

EARLY this week, there was an open tour in the Doha Entertainment City, held on the occasion of the Peace and Friendship Games.

The programme included many events and the highlight of the evening was the performances by the Television Group at the Regional Park's Theatre.



Spectators join in!

burgh, Haydn, Rachmaninoff, Gabriel Jackson & Brahms. She will also have a Master Class from 4 pm - 6 pm in the New English School on Tuesday, November 14th.

For further information please contact: 5313287 & 5313288 from 8 am - 2 pm, Saturday - Wednesday.

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**Narmada Theatres**  
NARMADA theatres, newly formed dedicated cultural organisation, is on the move to conduct a musical new-comers, and musical instrumentalists may please contact C.A. John at tel. 2663946.

**People's Trust Club**  
DEC 29: People's Trust Club

welcomes you to a day of your life at Ramada Al Salam (Marriott) Hotel, New Ballroom from 10.30 am onwards. Nimble feet, hungry palate, perfect blend of music and style. A get-together with buffet. Featuring Stepping Stones, Top Ranks, Perfect Strangers. There will be novelties and surprises galore. Contact Columbus on 4348218.

**Halloween Party**  
CHILDREN'S Halloween Party on Oct 31 at the Kuwait International Garden Pool. Fancy costumes are a must. Delightful prizes for the fancy dresses, Games, music, entertainment, magic show, Disneyland characters, a huge Kid-die castle and "be-witching" dishes for dinner. KD3.500 for child under 12 years and KD4.500 for adult. From 5:00 pm-8:00 pm. Tickets on sale at reception.

**Up and coming events:**  
Beazar  
NOV 2, 1989, at Kuwait International Hotel, Safat Room from 10am-6pm. Come along and buy handicrafts from all over the world. Tents, Al Asaf Gifts, SAS Hotel and the Art Shop Salmiya will be there. Raffle and door prizes. Everyone welcome.

**SPORTS**  
**Seven-a-side**  
SAINTOS Football Club will hold their third annual Seven-A-side football tournament on Nov 10, 1989 at 7.30 am on Sour Ground. Draw will be held on the same day at 7 am.

For further information please contact Joe on 2444379.

**Big City Night**  
NOVEMBER 2: 8.00 pm - Roman Theatre on the Green Island, Sea Front. Dana Al Khaleel present Earthquake, High Spirits and Stepping Stones in an evening of rock/pop music. For ticket reservations phone 2402909, 2451844, 2451845, 9024265 (any time).

**Ahmed Kart racing**  
NEXT race meeting on Friday, 3rd November. Racing starts at Ahmadi KOC track at 1.30 pm. Spectators welcome, 500 fils entrance charge.

● All entries for the What's On column can be sent by telex (22332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursdays, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwaikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

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## World No. 1 wins Antwerp tourney

## Lendl tames Mecir for title

ANTWERP, Belgium, Oct 30, (Reuters): World number one Ivan Lendl beat Miloslav Mecir 6-2 6-2 1-6 6-4 in an all-Czechoslovak final at the \$1.05 million European Community Tennis Championship yesterday.

Lendl's victory was his fifth in the eight-year history of the tournament and put him two-thirds of the way towards winning a second diamond-studded golden trophy worth \$1 million.

Lendl won the first such golden racket, on offer to anyone who wins three times within five years, in 1985.

If Lendl, absent in Antwerp only in 1986, wins once more in the next two years, he can take the racket home to join the first in a New York bank vault.

After the final which spanned two hours 41 minutes, Lendl was allowed to hold the trophy briefly as well as a giant winner's cheque for \$230,000. Mecir, also beaten by Lendl in the final here two years ago, received \$150,000.

The 25-year-old Mecir, who has beaten Lendl only once at



Lendl raises the diamond racket after winning the final. (Reuters wirephoto)

Key Biscayne in February 1987, found his opponent in top form in the first two sets.

At 5-2 down in the first set, an absent-minded Mecir did not

patriot to come over and sit down.

But the moment of reflection did little to change Mecir's plight and Lendl broke his serve again to take the set 6-2 in only 27 minutes.

The players traded breaks in the first two games of the second set to advance to 3-2 but Lendl then broke twice more to take the second set easily 6-2.

He must have played some of his best tennis ever in the first two sets," Olympic champion Mecir said.

"And I was playing too aggressively while he was making very difficult shots."

But the balance of power shifted firmly in the third set when the baseline play of Lendl became increasingly ragged and Mecir was handed three consecutive breaks to take the set 6-1.

"Mecir stopped missing a bit in the third set and I didn't play that well. I didn't really want to fight out there and then lose it 7-5 or so. I thought it would be better to save my energy for the

fourth set," Lendl explained.

The top seed halted play early in the fourth set when a butterfly fluttered around him. It only disappeared after one of the linesmen took off a shoe and threatened to crush it.

Lendl, winner of nine Grand Prix tournaments this year, finally moved back up a gear in the fourth set and broke again to advance to 4-2.

But the world number one had to pull himself out of trouble again in the 10th and final game when he battled back from 4-0 and three breakpoints — down.

He then squandered a first matchpoint by serving a double fault but converted the second to beat Mecir for the seventh time in their career.

Lendl, who will become an American citizen in April 1992, promised he would come back next year.

The organisers of the championship said the total attendance at the event was 216,323, beating the world record for a one-week tournament of 190,322 set here last year.

## Graf holds off Seles to capture top prize

BRIGHTON, England, Oct 30 (Reuters): Steffi Graf survived a hectic power battle with 15-year-old Monica Seles yesterday to win the Brighton indoor championships for the third time in four years.

Graf beat the third-seeded Yugoslav 7-5 6-4 in 73 minutes in a match which allowed no time for volleys, so thick and fast were the drives from both of the net.

The West German world number one, who has been below her best all week and had to battle for 108 minutes to beat Czechoslovak Jana Novotna in Saturday's semifinal, could not afford to relax through out the match.

Graf broke for 3-2 in the first set, lost her service in the eighth game to be pulled back to 4-4. She broke again in the 11th game and held her own serve to run out 7-5 after 39 minutes.

As Seles appeared to be tiring, Graf swept to 5-1 in the second set only to lose three games in a row before clinching victory on her second match point in the 10th game.

Graf, who has won 79 of her 81 matches this year, was pleased with her victory but not with her form.

"I played a little better today but when I led 5-1 in the second set I made so many mistakes which is not usual for me," the 20-year-old West German said. But Seles, who took Graf to three sets in the French Open



Graf looks down at her trophy after defeating Seles. (Reuters wirephoto)

semifinals in June, was still impressed by the West German. "Steffi is much tougher mentally than all the other girls, she got so many balls back that other people wouldn't reach and as for her forehand, she can hit winners from anywhere," said the left-hander, who has shot to world number seven this year.

Graf collected £37,250 (\$51,600) for her victory, raising her 1989 tournament earnings to £928,500 (\$1.49 million).

## Farukh takes Union past Evershine

UNION Cricket Club beat Evershine by four wickets in a Malhotra Trophy Tournament match at the Ahmadi ground on Friday.

Evershine opened their innings through Ajaz and Zulqarnain after they had been put in to bat by Union. The openers scored slowly against some very accurate bowling by Kifait and Nasir and by the end of the 15th over they had scored 73 for three.

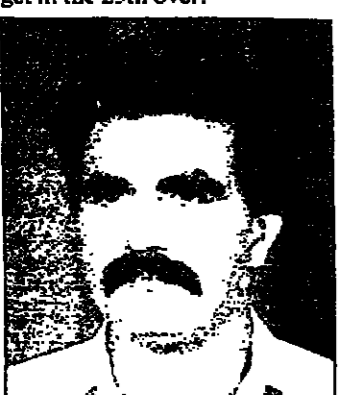
There was a middle-order collapse after the 15th over and Evershine tumbled to 102 for seven by the 20th over. Inam scored 45 as Evershine stretched their own score to 157 for nine.

Shehzad Sr. took three wickets while Saeed got two.

Union started their innings through Farukh and Mehboob. Evershine introduced their spinners from the first over but they failed to make any impression on the openers. By the end of the third over Union had scored 33 for one.

After Mehboob was out, Shehzad was caught in the next over. Farukh kept on batting with a lot of confidence before he was out for 65 with Union on 101 in 13 overs.

Union fell to 133 for six but Saeed with 36 and Nadeem (6) took them past the victory target in the 25th over.



Farukh 65 runs

## Salmiya outclass New Pak

SALMIYA Cricket Club beat New Pak by four wickets in a New Pak Cricket Tournament match at the Salmiya Club ground on Friday.

New Pak, after being put in to bat, scored 136 in 23 overs. The top scorer for New Pak was Mohammed Ali with 48 while Ali scored 22.

Salmiya were very good in the field with Saleem and Noel taking four difficult catches. Noel also took two wickets for 21 runs. Aslam Fani and Haji Saleem also got two wickets each while Saleem Suleman and Mohammed Hasib Khan got one each.

Salmiya started badly, losing their first two wickets for only 10 runs. Aslam Fani scored 48 to turn the tables on New Pak. He got some good support from Liaquat and Najeab who scored 28 runs each and Sadaqat who remained unbeaten on 10.

Salmiya managed to reach the target for the loss of four wickets. Aslam Fani was named Man of the Match. He was given KD 50, donated by Sadaqat, for his performance, while Noel got KD 10.

## Eagles defeat KU for top spot

THE Eagles outplayed Kuwait University 11-7 on Friday to take over sole possession of first place in the KISL standings with a perfect 4-0 record. KU fell to 3-1. In other games, the FHWA Falcons broke into the win column with a hard-fought 21-16 victory over the much-improved All-Japan Bazooskas, and Kay and Associates evened their record at 2-2 by beating the UAS teachers, 25-8, to gain a share of third place with UAS.

In the day's big game between the league's only unbeaten teams, coach and pitcher Al Rodier again tamed the big bats of the opposition, holding KU to only eight hits and two earned runs, while his teammates' timely hits (15) and heads-ups baserunning took advantage of every scoring opportunity, to lead comfortably throughout the game. KU pitcher Mike Anderson had excellent control yielding only one walk and no extra-base hits.

The Eagles again jumped into a first-inning lead, as Proctor, Rodier, Stombaugh, Alderman and Burris all singled. KU answered with only one run on an error to Checkie. Ed Smith's double and Karl Anderson's sacrifice fly. Both teams scored again in the third, the Eagles twice on hits from Rodier, Stombaugh and Burris, and KU answering with one on Yahia's walk and singles from Smith and K. Anderson.

KU narrowed the gap to 6-3 in the fifth on a single and two errors. The Eagles came back with three in the sixth on singles from Burris, Sheldad and Rick Anderson, while KU got two back on singles from Thames, Perkins and Jabs. Each team scored twice in the seventh. Jugar



An action shot of the Eagles-KU game.

and Rodier singled and scored on sacrifice flies. KU replied when Campbell's walk and Checkie's single were followed by an error and sacrifice fly. Alderman and K. Anderson led in RBI's with three each.

The day's early game between FHWA and All-Japan turned into a scoring marathon, with 37 runs on 30 hits and 16 walks. The Falcons jumped into a four-run lead in the first on Elayan's single. Nigel Nightingale's first home run of the game, a double by Basem and Quinones' two-run double. The Bazooskas countered with nine in the first on six walks, Toda's double and RBI singles from Shiba, Takeshita, Yamada and Nakano. FHWA came back with six in the second to temporarily regain the lead, on lead-off singles from Bennett, Riley and Elayan, Paul Scogna's two-run triple, Cloud's single and two errors. All-Japan tied the score in the bottom half of the second on one run without a hit.

The Falcons scored four more in the third on walks to Bennett and Riley and singles by Elayan,

Scogna and Cloud. The Bazooskas again regained the lead in their half batting around and scoring five, as Katoh and Yamada walked, Toda and Nakano reached on errors and with two out, Noguchi, Shiba and Takeshita delivered RBI singles. Winning pitcher and coach Monte Symons then held All-Japan to one unearned run the rest of the way, as his teammates scored seven in the last three innings. The key inning was the fifth, as Bennett and Riley led off with singles, Elayan walked, Scogna doubled home two, Nightingale hit his third sacrifice fly and Cloud singled, giving FHWA an 18-15 lead. In the sixth Turley singled home one and in the seventh Nightingale followed Scogna's second double with his second homer. In the seventh coach Shimada singled home the weary Bazooskas' final run.

Finally, shorthanded Kay playing with nine men merced UAS. Kay led 11-6 after three innings, before putting the game away with ten runs in the fourth

and four more in the sixth. Kay outlaid UAS 30-13. Hits for Kay came from pitcher Fritz Cameron (three singles, a double and homer), coach Lee Ehret (a triple), Roger Marcos (two singles), Mo Hall (two triples and a single), Clem Hall (two singles), and Stanley Ehret (three singles). Shell-shocked UAS was led by Lorne Bradt's single and homer, Ken Parker's two singles, Jerry Cook's single and double, David Wood's single and triple and Dave Lamb's two singles.

UAS jumped off to a 3-0 lead on first-inning singles by Bradt, Parker, Hendershot, Wood and Lamb, but Kay scored four on Cameron's single, Ehret's triple, singles from Miller and Nicholson, and d'Souza's double. Kay then scored seven more in the second and third, when Cameron, L. Ehret, Miller, Nicholson, d'Souza and S. Ehret all hit safely in both innings. UAS came back with three in the third after two outs, when Cook singled, Wood tripled and Lamb singled.

Kay put the game away in the fourth when every starter scored before there were any outs. Mo Hall led off with a triple, Clem Hall singled, S. Ehret and Cameron walked to fill the bases, and L. Ehret, hit the first KISL grand-slam homer of the season. Miller and Nicholson then singled, d'Souza tripled, Marcos singled, Mo Hall hit his second triple of the inning and Cameron doubled.

In the fifth, UAS's Bradt led off with a homer, Parker singled and Cook doubled him home. Kay invoked the mercy rule in the sixth after Mo and Clem Hall and S. Ehret singled and Cameron cleared the bases with a homer.

## Esiason helps Bengals brush aside Buccaneers

NEW YORK, Oct 30, (AP): Boomer Esiason threw five touchdown passes, and the Cincinnati Bengals broke out of a two-week scoring slump yesterday with their most points in 17 years in a 56-23 victory over Tampa Bay.

Esiason's five TD passes matched his club record in 1986 against the New York Jets. The Bengals had not scored that many points since beating Houston 61-17 in 1972.

Esiason's first scoring pass, a 1-yarder to Rodney Holman, ended a string of seven straight quarters without a touchdown and helped the Bengals erase a 16-14 Tampa Bay lead.

Cincinnati (5-3) scored 42 straight points against the Buccaneers (3-5) from the end of the first half until the fourth quarter.

In the rest of the NFL, it was Cleveland 28, Houston 17; Chicago 20, the Los Angeles Rams 10; New Orleans 20, Atlanta 13; Buffalo 31, Miami 17; Phoenix 19, Dallas 10; Pittsburgh 23, Kansas City 17; Green Bay 23, Detroit 20 in overtime; New England 23, Indianapolis 20 in overtime; San Francisco 23, the New York Jets 10; Philadelphia 28, Denver 24; Seattle 10, San Diego 7, and the Los Angeles Raiders 37, Washington 24.

This evening's game had Minnesota at the New York Giants.

Browns 28, Oilers 17. Cleveland (5-3) resorted to trickery against Houston (4-4), getting one touchdown on an 80-yard Bernie Kosar flea-flicker and another on a 32-yard half-back option pass by Eric Metcalfe.

Bears 20, Rams 10. Quarterback Jim Harbaugh relieved Mike Tomczak in the

second quarter and led Chicago (5-3) over Los Angeles as the Bears snapped a three-game losing streak. The Rams (5-3) have lost their last three.

Saints 20, Falcons 13. Dalton Hilliard ran in from 1 yard out with 2:12 to go, lifting New Orleans (4-4) over Atlanta (2-6). Saints linebacker Pat Swilling sacked Chris Miller three times and forced two fumbles.

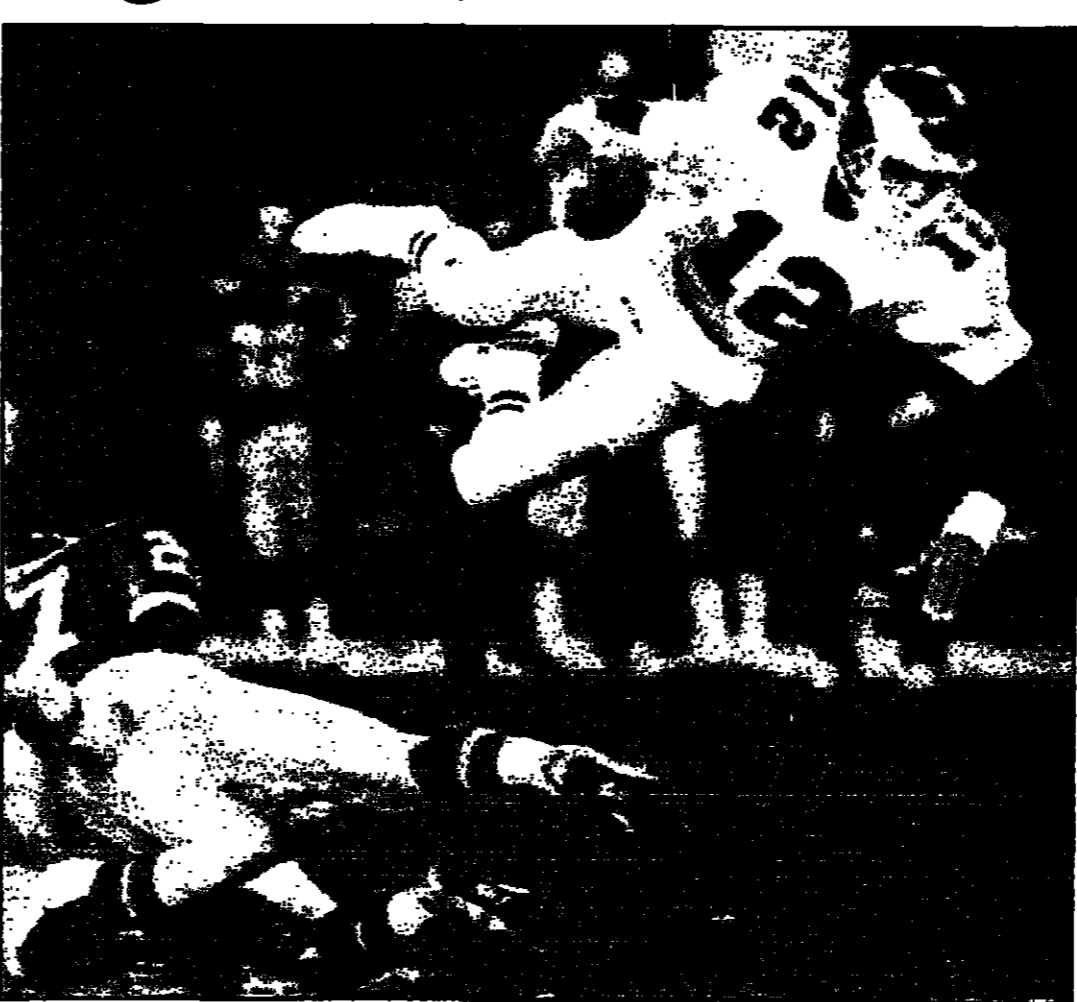
Bills 31, Dolphins 17. Thurman Thomas and Larry Kinnebrew each rushed for touchdowns as Buffalo (6-2) kept the ball on the ground on 51 of its 60 plays. Miami fell to 4-4.

Cardinals 19, Cowboys 10. Mike Zordich returned an interception 16 yards for a touchdown, and Al Del Greco knicked four field goals as Phoenix (4-4) handed Dallas its eighth straight loss. The start is the second worst in Cowboys' history.

Steelers 23, Chiefs 17. Rubby Brister, out for two weeks with an injury, threw two touchdown passes to Louis Lipps, including a 64-yarder in the fourth quarter, as Pittsburgh (4-4) blew a 16-point lead and rallied over Kansas City (3-5).

Packers 23, Lions 20, OT. Chris Jacke kicked a 38-yard field goal as Green Bay (4-4) won in overtime. Jacke, who missed a 50-yarder on the final play of regulation, kicked the game-winning three plays after Mark Murphy intercepted Rodney Peete on the first play after the overtime kickoff. Detroit is 1-7.

Patriots 23, Colts 20, OT. Greg Davis missed a 46-yard field goal at the end of regulation, then kicked a 51-yarder with 5:03 left in overtime, giving New



Eagles quarterback Randall Cunningham soars over Bronco defenders for a first down. (Reuters wirephoto)

England (3-5) the victory over Indianapolis (4-4).

49ers 23, Jets 10. Jerry Rice made a leaping catch for a touchdown, and Mike Cofer kicked three field goals as San Francisco (7-1) won its sixth

straight road game. The Jets (1-7) have lost five in a row.

Eagles 28, Broncos 24. Keith Byars ran for his second touchdown with 5:25 left after a botched Denver punt return, lifting Philadelphia (6-2) to its

fourth straight victory. Randall Cunningham threw two touchdowns passes for the Eagles. Denver is 6-2.

Seahawks 10, Chargers 7. Dave Krieg threw a 21-yard touchdown pass to Brian Blades

with 40 seconds left, giving Seattle (4-4) the victory in a game that didn't really begin until the final two-minute warning. San Diego is 2-6.

Raiders 37 Redskins 24. Steve Beuerlein, making his first start of the season in place of ex-Redskin Jay Schroeder, threw two touchdown passes to Mervyn Fernandez, and Bo Jackson ran 73 yards for another score for Los Angeles over Washington. Both teams are now 4-4.

Standings  
Standing of National Football League teams after games played on Sunday (tabulate under won, lost, tied, points for, against):

American Conference				
	W	L	T	PF
Buffalo	6	2	0	180
Indianapolis	4	4	0	154
Miami	4	4	0	161
New England	3	5	0	131
N.Y. Jets	1	7	0	132
Central Division				
Cincinnati	5	3	0	204
Cleveland	5	3	0	191
Houston	4	4	0	211
Pittsburgh	4	4	0	116
Western Division				
Denver	6	2	0	146
L.A. Raiders	4	4	0	178
Seattle	4	4	0	143
Kansas City	3	5	0	154
San Diego	2	6	0	132

National Conference				
	W	L	T	PF
N.Y. Giants	6	1	0	175
Philadelphia	6	2	0	190
Phoenix	4	4	0	156
Washington	4	4	0	210
Dallas	0	8	0	106
Central Division				
Minnesota	5	3	0	146
Chicago	5	3	0	219
Green Bay	4	4	0	205
Tampa Bay	3	5	0	171
Detroit	1	7	0	118
Western Division				
San Francisco	7	1	0	215
L.A. Rams	5	3	0	193
New Orleans	4	4	0	195
Atlanta F	2	6	0	141

## Lanka Lions overcome Flying Arrows

AN all-round performance by Dissanayake enabled Lanka Lions to register an exciting victory over Flying Arrows by 21 runs in a Bhutto Memorial Cricket Trophy match, sponsored by Pakistan People's Club and organized by G.C.L. at the E.P.I. ground on Friday.

Lanka Lions, after winning the toss opted to bat first, a decision which appeared to have been a-fore-fired when their opener Jalden was smartly taken one-handed in the slips by Vijay off Manoj with only five runs on the board. Ray joined Nihal and tried to repair the early damage by some careful batting.

Nihal left after scoring 19 and Ray 21 as runs appeared to come by very hard. After their departure wickets fell regularly and Lanka Lions were reeling at 87 for eight in the 22nd over.

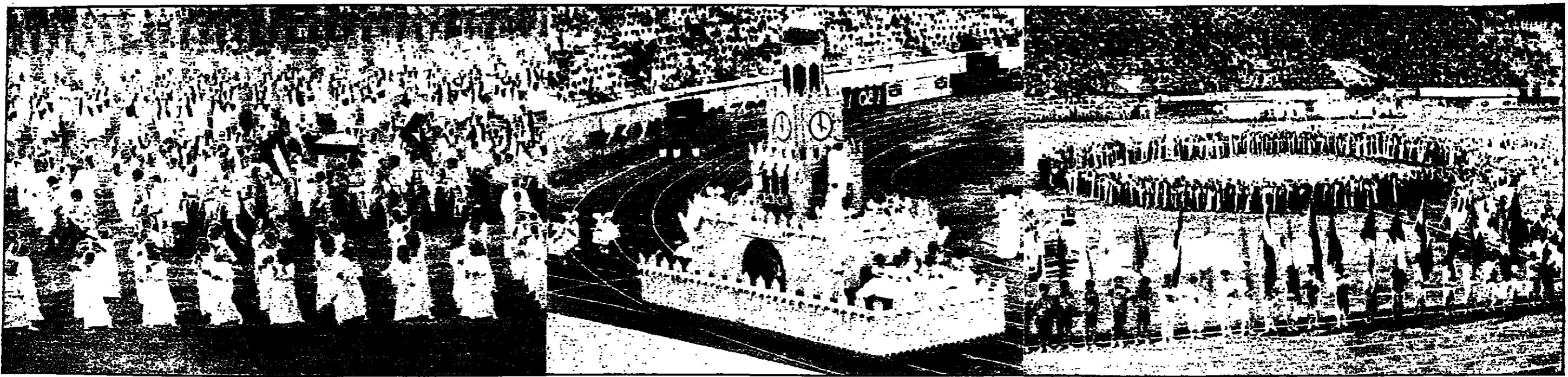
Dissanayake and Samarasinghe gave the innings a late flourish by some powerful hitting.

At the end of their allotted 30 overs, Lanka Lions were able to post a much respectable 142 for nine. Dissanayake remained unbeaten with 32 runs while Samarasinghe scored 29. Skipper Perusinghe's 14 included two boundaries.

For Flying Arrows, Roy was the most successful bowler who took four wickets after giving away 29 runs. Manoj, Neville, Benjamin and Vijay all took one wicket each.

Flying Arrows, chasing a modest target of less than five runs per over for victory were given a good start by Manoj (29) and Robert (23) who put on 53 runs in 12 overs for the first wicket partnership. But once the openers were separated, their innings fell apart and wickets kept on falling at regular intervals. Only Rudy (10) and Alex (18) put up some token resistance but they were all out for 121 runs in the 27th over thus giving Lanka Lions a memorable victory.

Dissanayake, Mahinda and Dhammika all bowled well for Lanka Lions and each took three wickets after giving away 26, 21 and 27 runs respectively. Nihal also chipped in with one scalp.



Kuwaiti children performing their acts after HH the Amir declared the Games open. (Photos by Mohammed Amr and Ahmed Barouni)

# Amir opens Peace and Friendship Games

## Kuwait rout Lebanon in opening soccer match

A CAPACITY crowd of over 30,000 yesterday watched HH the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed open the Peace and Friendship Games at the Kazma Stadium. Millions saw the opening ceremony on TV as the event was telecast live to all the countries taking part in the Games.

The Games, in which 45 countries are taking part, will end on Nov 12 and will have football, athletics, handball, basketball and volleyball competitions. The participation in the event has been limited to members of the Organisation of Islamic Conference.

The colourful inauguration ceremony was attended by HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad, sheikhs, ministers, senior officials and a host of Kuwait distinguished guests including IOC chairman, Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of Fifa, Joao Havelange, French team manager Michel Platini, heads of participating delegations and many others.

The ceremony began at 3.30 pm after the arrival of HH the Amir, with the parade of all the participating teams. The Minister of Social Affairs and Labour and Chairman of the Organising Committee, Sheikh Nasser Mohammad Al Ahmed then delivered a speech, welcoming the guests and the participating teams on behalf of the Amir. Kuwait government and people. He said that this gathering held many meanings especially it was being held on the initiative of HH the Amir and brings together the youth of the Islamic nation and friendly countries. Sheikh Nasser stressed on the important role that sports play today in the modern life in bringing closer the peoples of the world and strengthening the ties of peace and friendship among them. Sheikh Nasser said "the history of the sports movement in based upon understanding between the participants in sports competitions and their peoples and leads to strengthening their relations and the concept of peace among them."

ding, peace and co-operation between peoples is the only way to confront such threats.

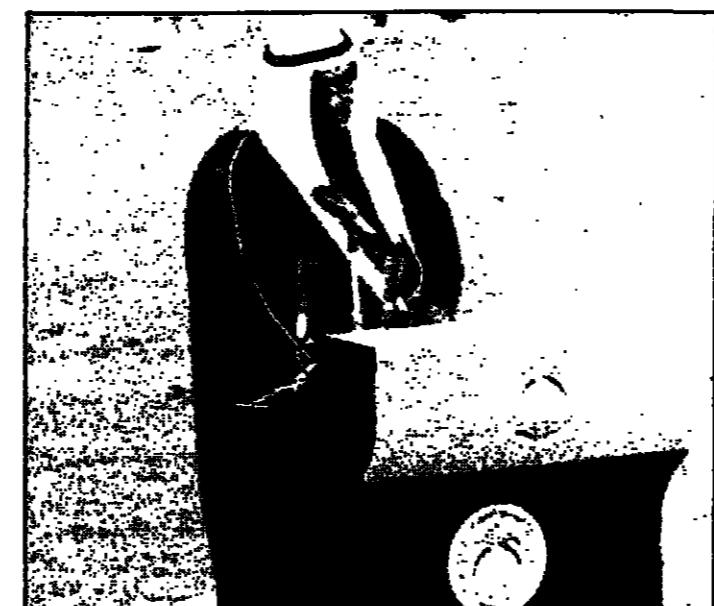
Sheikh Nasser added that the holding of the Games today also emphasized one another important fact, that the one who has the right must in the end get it. The organisation of this Games was accompanied by misunderstanding and obstacles from several sides but the determination and efforts of the people of Kuwait gave a clear example on how the one with some right will ultimately reach it. He praised the great efforts exerted by Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed and members of the Games organising committee in explaining the objectives of the Games and ultimately winning the approval.

Juan Antonio Samaranch in his speech praised the Peace and Friendship Games describing it as "a historical event aiming at the service of the youth of the world." He particularly praised HH the Amir for his initiative and the chairman of the Kuwait Olympic Committee Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed and described him as an active man who had rendered many services to the International Olympic Committee.

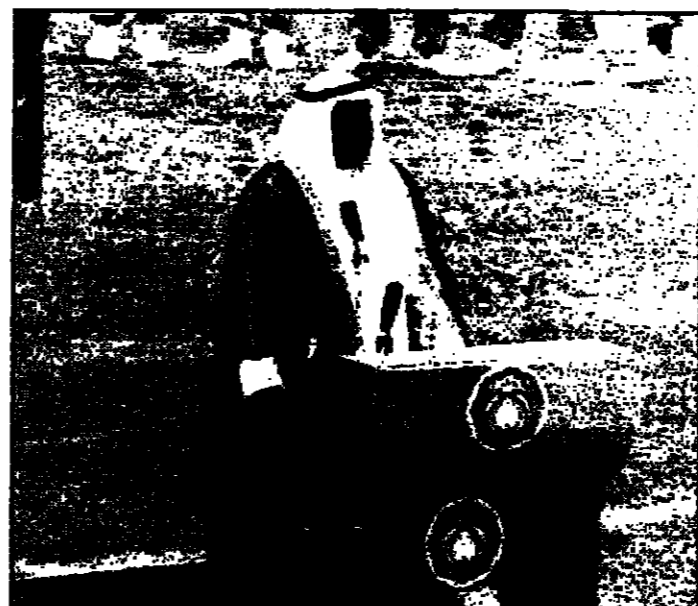
Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed then recited poems calling for peace and friendship among peoples. He thanked HH the Amir on behalf of the youth of Islamic countries. Then he invited HH the Amir to open the Games. HH the Amir declared the Games open, wishing it success.

After that over 1,200 students of the Education Ministry staged a wonderful display of acrobatic sport show. Other students who filled the back platform of Kazma stadium, displayed magnificent welcoming statements and drawings that reflected Kuwait's progress and prosperity and concentrated on the great aims of the Games.

Top Kuwaiti singer, Abdul Karim Abdul Qader, accompanied by a large troupe, then staged a musical show written by Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed and Abdul Wahab Al Bannai. The words of the show centred on the problems of the Islamic world, the cause of Jerusalem and the



Sheikh Nasser (left) and Sheikh Fahd delivering their speeches before the Games' opening.



Teams line up during the opening ceremonies.

Lebanese crisis. 25 different statements and expressionful drawings about the Palestinian uprising, Lebanon's civil war and others were exhibited in an attractive way.

The whole opening ceremony concentrated on the theme of calling for peace and working to stop wars. Another wonderful display of fireworks preceded the opening soccer match between Kuwait and Lebanon.

● The president of the International Football Association

(Fifa), Dr Joao Havelange said yesterday that Fifa has no objection to the holding of the Peace and Friendship Games on a regular basis. Addressing a press conference in Kuwait yesterday, he said that if the Games were to be held in five or more competitions, approvals of the concerned sports bodies and that of the International Olympic Committee, IOC, should be also obtained. Havelange is in Kuwait to attend the inauguration of the Games.

The president of the supreme international football body said that the Fifa is now searching for a formula to increase the number of Asian and African teams taking part in the World Cup finals from two to three teams. But he emphasised that the number of teams reaching the World Cup finals "is impossible to be increased to more than 24." He said that at present, the final rounds of the World Cup take one month to complete and any increase in the number of teams

will certainly lengthen that time. He said that already three teams each from Asia and Africa participate in the soccer competition of the Olympic Games, which is suitable to the soccer standard in both continents. He added that we "are now searching for an outcome to increase the Asian and African teams taking part in the World Cup finals from two to three times." He did not elaborate, but added that the only natural way to achieve that is to reduce the number of teams

from other continents. About the selection of Singapore for playing the final qualifying matches between top of the six Asian groups for World Cup finals, Havelange said that it was selected by the Asian Football Federation. He said that everything went right in the qualifying matches. He congratulated the United Arab Emirates team for reaching the World Cup finals to be played in Italy. He said that this is an indication of the improvement of the Gulf soccer. He also praised the standard of the Qatari team adding that it did not reach the finals in Italy because of missing a penalty.

Havelange congratulated Kuwait for organising the Peace and Friendship Games and described the event as a festival for youth. He praised HH the Amir for his initiative and for patronising the Games. Dr Havelange blamed the governments of concerned countries for the outbreak of violence in playgrounds. He said that most of the violence takes place outside playgrounds. He said that from 1993, there will be no standing spectators in football matches in any country in the world, according to strict instructions issued by Fifa. Asked about a Third World country organising the World Cup finals, he said that any country willing to do that must have at least 12 legal and huge stadiums in addition to other conditions.

Havelange said that Fifa considers with great respect any demand by the national football associations. He said that he considers Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed a brother and respects him. He added that when Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed asked for organising the football championship with 36 teams participating, he told him that the Fifa rules do not allow that. Havelange proposed to him to hold the championship at youth level.

Many world sports leaders have arrived in Kuwait for the Peace and Friendship Games. Among those who arrived in the country yesterday were Samaranch, Havelange,

president of the International Volleyball Federation, Robin Acosta, Minister on Youth in Somalia, Ubeidi Ishaq, manager of French soccer team, Michel Platini, chairman of Higher Council for Sports and Youth in Egypt, Dr Abdul Ahad Jamalluddin and many others.

Platini said upon arrival that he made it a point to attend the Games' inauguration at the invitation of Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed, despite him being very busy with the French soccer team. He described the Games as a very important sports event, especially when sportsmen from 45 countries are taking part. Acosta wished the Games all success and expressed happiness for being in Kuwait.

Meanwhile, the chairman of the Organising Committee of the Games and Minister of Social Affairs and Labour, Sheikh Nasser Mohammad Al Ahmed will host a dinner banquet in honour of the guests and heads of delegations of the Games. The dinner will be held this evening at 9 pm at Regency Palace Hotel.

Distinguished guests and heads of delegations and many sports officials yesterday visited the Bedouin Desert corner, an exhibition of desert heritage held on the occasion of the Games. Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed welcomed the guests.

Secretary-General of the Kuwait Olympic Committee Obeid Al Enza held a dinner banquet yesterday at the Sheraton Hotel in honour of the chairman of the organising committee of the forthcoming Asian Games in Beijing. A number of sports officials attended.

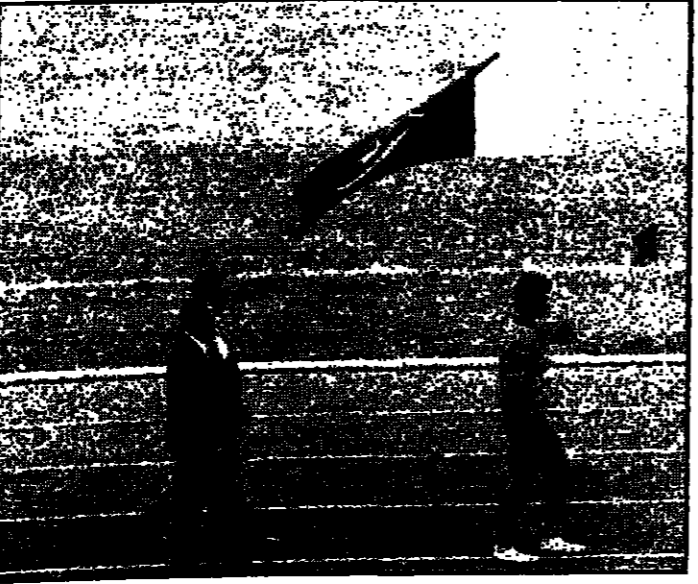
■ The Kuwait national soccer team started the Games on an excellent note by thrashing Lebanon 5-0 yesterday.

Kuwait went into the lead in the 14th minute of the first half through Bader Al Anbari. Bader Abdul Nahi made 2-0 for Kuwait and Wael Sulaiman scored the third goal for Kuwait before the interval.

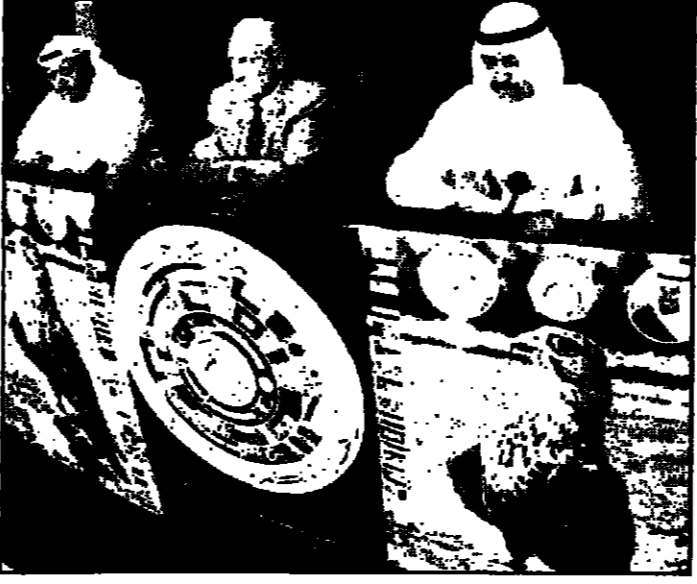
After the interval, Kuwait dominated the game again but had to wait until the 61st minute to increase the tally through Salah Al Hasawi, who scored again 17 minutes later to complete the tally.

### Today's programme

Soccer: Brunei vs Uganda at 5.30 pm, Iraq vs Guinea at Kazma stadium, at 7.15 pm. Volleyball: First Group: Saudi Arabia vs Yemen at 3.30 pm. Second Group: Tunisia vs Pakistan at 5.30 pm. Both matches at Qadsia club hall. Athletics: 15 countries are taking part: 10.00 am : 800 m — preliminary eliminations 10.30 am : 100 m — preliminary eliminations 10.45 am : 4x400 m — preliminary eliminations 3.30 pm : 110 m hurdles — final 3.30 pm : Shot put — final 3.30 pm : Javeline — final 3.30 pm : Triple Jump — final 4.00 pm : 800 m — final 4.20 pm : 100 m — final 4.45 pm : 4x400 m — final \*Basketball starting tomorrow and volleyball Thursday.



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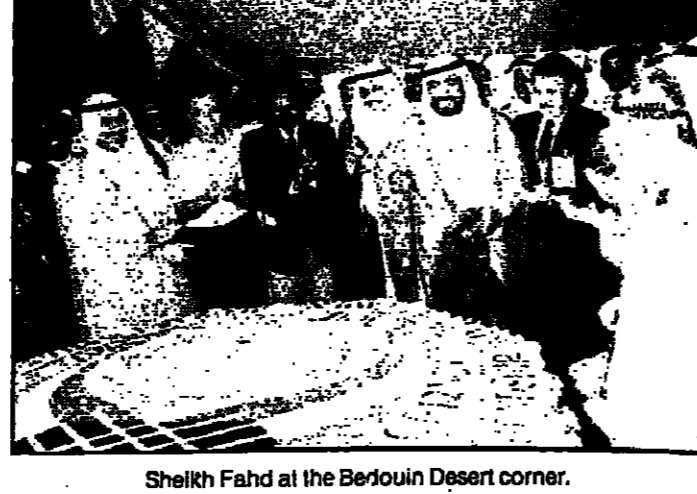
Havelange (centre) at the press conference.



The Bangladesh squad.



Platini (left) with Sheikh Nasser (right).



Sheikh Fahd at the Bedouin Desert corner.



Joao Havelange arriving in Kuwait.



Samaranch (centre) with Sheikh Fahd (left) and Sheikh Nasser (right).

# West Indies crush India to cruise into Nehru final

BOMBAY, Oct. 30, (Reuters): Desmond Haynes and Richie Richardson registered half centuries to help West Indies crush hosts India by eight wickets and move comfortably into the final of the Nehru Cup cricket tournament today.

The pair were never under pressure once fast bowler Courtney Walsh had celebrated his 27th birthday by ripping apart the Indian top order after they won the toss and decided to bat in the semifinal.

Walsh took three for 39 as India struggled throughout and were all out for 165 with seven balls remaining of their 50 overs. West Indies replied with 166 for two in 42.1 overs.

Faced with an asking rate of only 3.32 runs an over, a West Indies victory was always assured, even though they lost Phil Simmons leg before to Kapil Dev for 11 with only 22 on the board.

Richardson joined Haynes and the pair took no risks as they added 117 runs for the second wicket.

Haynes also fell low to Kapil Dev for 64 when the score was 139, but by then the result was in doubt.

Richardson finished unbeaten on 58 and Dujon 20 not out.

For a reason unexplained, adjudicator Asif Iqbal, the former Pakistan captain, named West Indies skipper Viv Richards, who did not bat and bowled four overs with taking a wicket at a cost of 21 runs, as Man of the Match.

The man primarily responsible for halting India's challenge for a place in the final was Walsh.

When India were seemingly recovering at 50 for one from the early blow of having captain Krishnamachari Srikkanth needlessly run out with only three runs on the board, Walsh was introduced into the attack.

India were quickly reduced to 55 for three as Walsh had Ramana Lamba caught after spooning the ball into the air and bowled Mohinder Amarnath with a wicked delivery that cut sharply back from the off to take the top of the middle stump.

Former captain Dilip Vengsarkar also fell to Walsh for eight and only Kapil Dev, with four well-struck boundaries in scoring 19, and Mohammed Azharuddin (38) showed any further defiance.

West Indies, who scraped into the semifinal phase after losing their first two qualifying matches, completed victory with controlled, orthodox batting.

Haynes' 64, although containing seven fours, took 100 balls and Richardson scored at a similar pace.

Scoreboard

INDIA

K. Srikkanth run out.....1

R. Lamba c Richardson b Walsh.....29

M. Amarnath b Walsh.....15

D. Vengsarkar c Richards b Walsh.....8

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WEST INDIES

D. Haynes b b Kapil Dev.....64

R. Richardson not out.....58

J. Dujon not out.....20

Extras (b-2 lb-4 nb-4 w-3).....13

Total (two wickets - 42.1 overs) 166

Fall of wickets: 1-22-2-139

Did not bat: V. Richards, K. Arbutnot, G. Logle, W. Benjamin, C. Ambrose, M. Marshall, C. Walsh.

Bowling: Kapil Dev 8-0-31-2, Prabhakar 4-0-21-4, Ayub 10-2-25-0, A. Sharma 10-2-30-0, Srikkanth 7-0-36-0, Azharuddin 3-0-17-0, Lamba 0-1-0-2-4.

Result: West Indies won by eight wickets

Man of the Match: Viv Richards

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Champion horse

NEWMARKET, England, Oct. 30, (Reuters): Brigadier Gerard, one of the greatest British racehorses of the post-war era, died yesterday.

"The Brigadier," as he was affectionally known, won the 2,000 Guineas, the King George and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot and the Champion Stakes on two occasions in a remarkable racing career in the early 1970s.

Gough out

LONDON, Oct. 30, (Reuters): Scotland's World Cup hopes suffered a blow yesterday as the news that defender Richard Gough will be out of action for six weeks because of a fractured cheekbone.

The 27-year-old Rangers player will miss a decisive qualifying tie against Norway on November 15, when the Scots only need to collect one point to go to the finals in Italy next summer.

Air race

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct. 30, (Reuters): The United Arab Emirates and Jordan are expected to take part in the world's longest aircraft sports event, the Malaysia International Air Race, to be held in February next year.

President's Cup

LANDOVER, Maryland, Oct. 30, (AP): The United States has captured the 31st Washington International Horse Show, but Great Britain ended the US domination of the \$40,000 President's Cup, the show's richest single event.

Rugby Test

DUBLIN, Oct. 30, (Reuters): Former Australian stand-off Brian Smith was selected today to play for Ireland in the rugby union Test against New Zealand in Dublin on November 18.

Westminster bridge

RESULTS of Westminster bridge tournament held on Sunday at Hayat Regency Hotel.

1. Sherin & Henaldi  
2. Farahs  
3. Mrs Bianca & Dr A. Tawil

Kite triumphs

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C., Oct. 30, (Reuters): Tom Kite, the second extra hole to defeat Payne Stewart in a sudden-death playoff and win the \$2.5 million Hilton Head Island golf championship yesterday.

Skate Canada

CORNWALL, Ontario, Oct. 30, (AP): Kristi Yamaguchi of the United States won the women's competition and the unheralded Soviet team of Elena Leonova and Genadi Krasnitsky scored an upset in the pairs final at Skate Canada.

Chicago marathon

CHICAGO, Oct. 30, (Reuters): Briton Paul Davies-Hale, running his first marathon, won the Chicago marathon yesterday with a time of two hours, 11 minutes and 25 seconds, beating Ravil Kashapov of the Soviet Union.

Heavyweight fight

TOKYO, Oct. 30, (Reuters): Heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson plans to fight James "Buster" Douglas in Tokyo in February as scheduled, his Japanese promoter said today.

Colombia qualify

TEL AVIV, Oct. 30, (Reuters): Colombia qualified for the World Cup soccer finals in Italy next year after holding Israel to a 0-0 draw in the second leg of their Oceania/South America playoff today. Colombia won the first leg 1-0.

# Pakistan sail into Cup final

## Rameez and Salim play England bowling



Rameez (left) and Salim thrashed the English bowlers

NAGPUR, India, Oct. 30, (Reuters): Rameez Raja and Salim Malik tore England's bowling apart in a stunning partnership of 122 in 12 overs today to sweep Pakistan into the Nehru Cup one-day cricket final against West Indies.

Pakistan, facing England's semifinal score of 194 for seven in 30 overs, needed 96 from their last 10 overs and achieved that improbable task in 51 balls for a six-wicket win.

Rameez was unbeaten on 85 and Salim hit 66 as Pakistan surged home at 195 for four in 28.3 overs. Their opponents in Wednesday's final in Calcutta, West Indies, beat India by eight wickets in the other semifinal in Bombay.

Man of the Match Rameez had been a virtual spectator while the wickets of Javed Mianad, Ejaz Ahmed and Imran Khan tumbled and Pakistan slipped to 69 for three after 16 overs in a match reduced from 50 to 30 overs because of a waterlogged ground that delayed the start.

But then Salim joined Rameez in the fourth wicket stand that tilted the balance in compelling style. First they gradually whittled down the run-rate — at one point it was more than 12 an over — and got on top of the bowling.

Even with 10 overs left and 96 needed, England manager Micky Stewart ruefully remarked afterwards that, at that point, "the bookmakers would have had us favourites."

The two batsmen then took control and made light of their task. Salim batting with a runner after aggravating a hamstring injury by slipping on the damp outfield, ferociously made his runs from 41 balls — one fewer than Imran Khan took for his 15.

Salim gave one chance, in the 21st over when Nasser Hussain failed to hold on to a towering shot that dropped over his shoulder.

The Pakistanis took 15 runs off that over from Philip DeFreitas, and they scored 45 off the next four.

Salim contributed three towering sixes before trying to end the game in style but instead driving

Angus Fraser to Allan Lamb after hitting the paceman for 4, 4, 4, 6 in successive deliveries.

That left Rameez to finish the match with another stylish boundary with nine balls left.

England will be disappointed that their impressive total was not even better after losing their way in mid-innings.

Captain Graham Gooch (35), Wayne Larkins (25) and Robin Smith put up the 100 in just 15 overs and a total of over 200 looked well within reach with Smith going well until he was deceived by Abdul Qadir's goosy and bowled for 55, including two sixes.

But the next 50 runs took 10 overs. Alec Stewart, Hussain and Lamb all went cheaply — mustering just eight between them — and the run rate sagged.

Yet a flourish from Derek Pringle (21 not out) and David Capel (20) gave England a total that left them with high hopes of a place in the final.

They had not counted, however, on Rameez.

Scoreboard

ENGLAND

G. Gooch c sub (Sheela) b Younis 35

W. Larkins c and b Reza.....25

R. Smith b Qadir.....55

A. Stewart b Younis.....0

N. Hussain b b Qadir.....2

A. Lamb c A. Malik b Qadir.....6

D. Capel not out.....20

D. Pringle not out.....21

P. DeFreitas not out.....4

Extras (b-3 lb-20 w-3).....26

Total (seven wickets - 30 overs) 194

Fall of wickets: 1-44-2-102-3-103-4-136-5-144-6-145-7-184

Did not bat: G. Smith, A. Fraser, Bowling: Imran 4-0-26-0, Akram 6-0-28-0, Reza 5-0-28-1, Younis 6-1-40-2, Mushtaq 3-0-19-0, Qadir 6-0-30-3.

PAKISTAN

Rameez Raja not out.....85

Javed Mianad b DeFreitas.....17

Ejaz Ahmed c Smith b DeFreitas.....12

Imran Khan b b Small.....5

Salim Malik c Lamb b Fraser.....66

Wahid Akram not out.....10

Extras (b-10).....10

Total (for four wickets - 28.3 overs) 195

Fall of wickets: 1-26-2-32-3-69-4-191

Did not bat: Asim Malik, Abdul Qadir, Akram Reza, Mushtaq, Ahmed, Waqar Younis

Bowling: Fraser 6-0-58-1, DeFreitas 6-0-40-2, Capel 6-0-24-0, Pringle 5-0-33-0, Small 5-3-0-30-1

Result: Pakistan won by six wickets

Man of the Match: Rameez Raja

# Senna dangerous, says Fisa

LONDON, Oct. 30, (Reuters): The International Motor Sports Federation (Fisa) has accused Brazil's Ayrton Senna of endangering the safety of other drivers and has called for him to be given a heavy fine and a one-year suspended suspension.

McLaren team manager Ron Dennis today distributed copies of a Fisa report which he said had been presented to an International Automobile Federation (FIA) appeal hearing against Senna's disqualification from the Japanese Grand Prix.

The report labelled the 1988 world champion "a driver who endangers the safety of the other drivers."

It called for the McLaren driver to be fined heavily and given a one-year suspended suspension.

Senna was disqualified after crossing the line first at Suzuka eight days ago for taking a short cut when he rejoined the race after a collision with team mate and rival Alain Prost.

Senna's disqualification gave

Prost, with whom he has waged a long-running feud, his third world drivers' title.

Dennis said Fisa had been unfair in handing McLaren their report on the incident at Suzuka only on the morning that the appeal hearing was starting in Paris last Friday.

"There were a lot of new allegations in it," Dennis added. "Fisa seemed to be shifting ground."

The report detailed previous incidents involving Senna and gave eight counts on which he should have been disqualified from the Japanese race, including carrying out a dangerous overtaking manoeuvre which resulted in the crash with Prost.

"It mentioned offences of which he had no prior warning,"

Dennis said, adding Fisa had unfairly ignored similar incidents involving other drivers.

Dennis showed video clips of several drivers cutting out part of the track — including Prost at this year's San Marino Grand Prix — and said none of those involved had been punished.

The feud between the two McLaren drivers dates back to the San Marino event when Prost accused Senna of breaking an agreement over which of them should lead the race.

Dennis, saying McLaren was concerned only with seeing fair play, denied French newspaper reports that the team would not allow Prost, who is moving to Ferrari next season, to race in the final Grand Prix in Australia next Sunday.

# Soviet Union extend chess lead

LUCERNE, Switzerland, Oct. 30, (Reuters): The Soviet Union beat the United States yesterday to go 1-1/2 points clear of their nearest rivals, Hungary, leaving the Americans in an unaccustomed position at the foot of the table.

After only two of the nine rounds, the Soviet position already looks unassailable and the other teams will probably be realistically aiming at winning the silver medal.

The Soviets trounced the Americans 3-1 even without world champion Garry Kasparov or ex-world champion Anatoly Karpov, who did not arrive in Lucerne as previously expected.

The best result of the day was undoubtedly achieved by the African team. They met the Netherlands and beat them 2.5-1.5, a totally unexpected victory.

Their hero was again the little-known international master Slim Bouaziz from Tunisia, who beat Dutch international master Rini Kuifj after a draw against Soviet grandmaster Vasily Ivanchuk on Saturday.

Other matches in this round were all very tight and only 2-1/2 points separate the nine teams behind the Soviet Union.

FOR the second consecutive year, the Messilah Beach Hotel has organised a Raft Race Team to participate in the Dubai Raft race '89 scheduled for November 3, 1989. The team is practicing daily and will be flying to Dubai on Thursday.

The rafters, management and staff are all anxiously anticipating good results in the most awaited, spectacular and exciting water fun sport of the year. Although they did not exactly win last year, but their participation brought raft racing into the international arena for the first time.

Draw

Draw for the first round of the English Football Association (FA) Cup made today: Carlisle v Wrexham, Wigan v Mansfield, York v Grimsby, Blackpool v Bolton, Scarborough v Whitby Bay, Rotherham v Bury, Burnley v Stockport, Telford v Walsall, Stafford Rangers v Halifax, Shrewsbury v Chesterfield, Doncaster v Notts County, Lincoln v Billingham, Synthonia, Moseley or Bishop Auckland v Tow Law Town, Scunthorpe v Middlesbrough, Northwich Victoria, Crew v Congleton Town, Chorley or Marine v Rochdale, Hartlepool v Huddersfield, Macclesfield v Chester, Preston v Tranmere, Swindon v Torquay, Aylesbury v Southend, Kettering v Northampton.

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A dejected Jeannie Longo rests on her handlebar after setting a new world record in Moscow on Sunday. Longo covered 45,016 kilometres in one hour. She had hoped to break the 45.718 kilometres, set in her native city of Grenoble on Nov 7, 1986. (Reuters wirephoto)

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## Injury puts Hadlee out of Kiwi cricket tour

AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND, Oct. 30, (Reuters): Champion fast bowler Richard Hadlee has pulled out of New Zealand's tour to Australia next month, delaying his goal of becoming the first man to take 400 wickets in Test cricket.

Team coach Bob Cunis made the surprise announcement after a practice game in the North Island town of New Plymouth yesterday. When Hadlee broke down with an achilles tendon problem that has plagued him in recent seasons.

Hadlee also broke down during the last two home series against Pakistan and England in 1989 and 1988 and had to return home early from a tour to India last year.

Hadlee had hoped to get the four wickets he still needs to reach the 400 wicket target during the Test in Perth, one of his favourite grounds.

He will have an operation next week and hopes to be fit to face India in home series beginning in January. The 38-year-old said he had no immediate plans to retire.

"But I've got to be realistic about it," he told Radio New Zealand. "I know I'm almost at the end of it and I've had problems about last three years. It's difficult to get on to the perform the way I wanted to and there's that I'm prepared to do the moment, in the end, that I am."

Fast bowler Brendon cwell will join his team John in the squad replacement.

The tour, which begins November 8, includes five day games against West Australia and South Australia and the Perth Test beginning on November 24.

Team: John Wright (captain), Brendon Bracewell, John Bracewell, Jeff Crowe, Martin Crowe, Mark Greatbatch, Andrew Jones, Danny Morrison, Gary Robertson, Ian Smith, Martin Snassen, Willie Watson, Robert Vance. Coach Bob Cunis and manager Gerald Bailey.

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